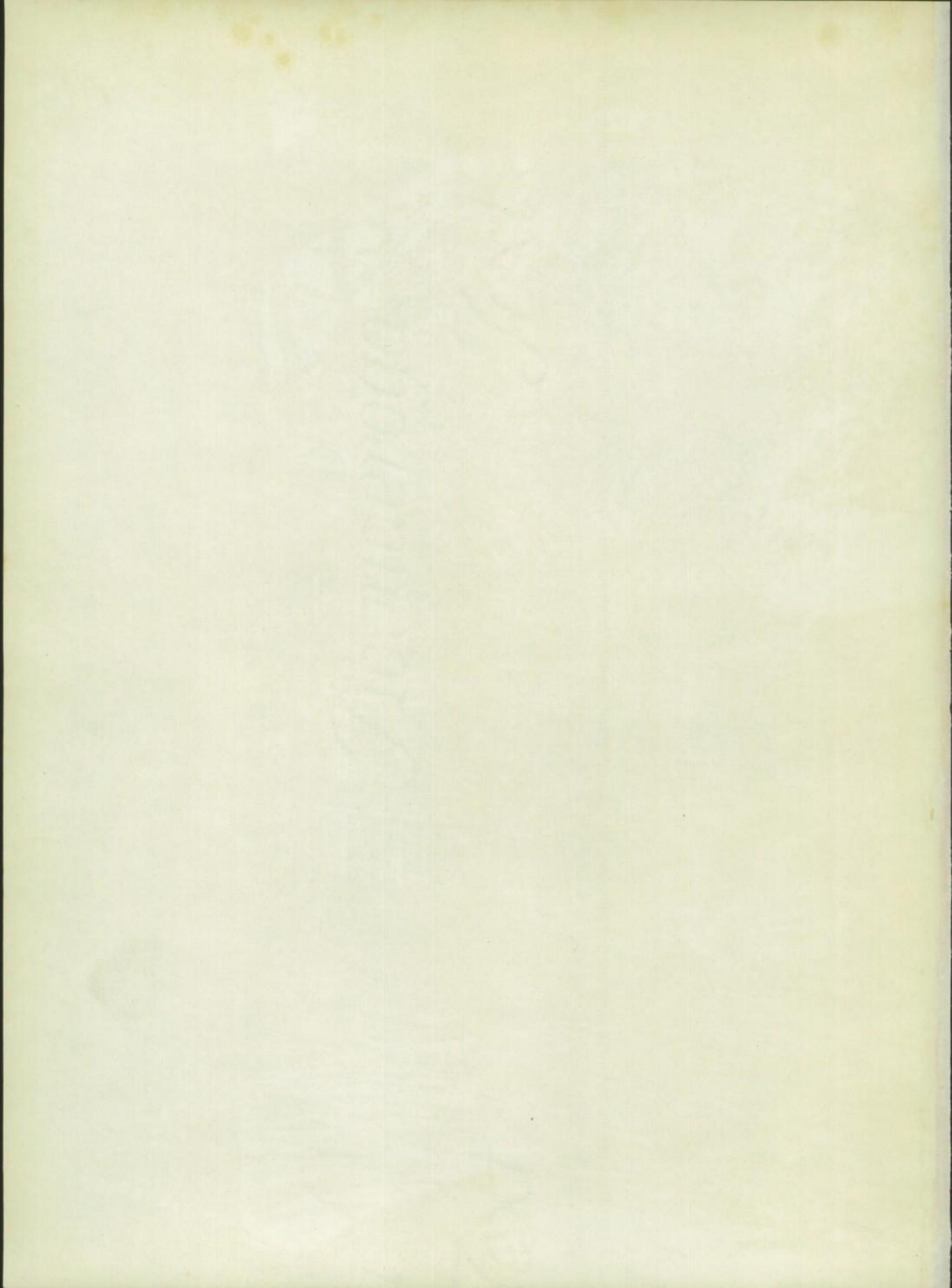








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FORWORD

How—all readers

A CLOUD of smoke holds the past—the dim, dark, and also cheerful past. A cloud of smoke symbolizes many things; for us it is the creation of a yearbook for the braves of 1957. For us the settling cloud, unmoving and unsure, personifies a group of seniors of 1957 seeking a way and a means to establish this year's book—the book that will recall for you, me, and especially the Senior Class, the memorable and unforgettable year of 1956-57 at OHS. The keen and energetic minds of warriors move, and thus the hope of the future and the experience of the past move slowly across the horizon, settling down and recalling for posterity the fun and trials in the year of 1957 at OHS—the year that you and I shared . . . the time when we grew older, wiser, and more mature—the time of our first game, our first real dance, the glorious prom, the “living-it-up,” attributed only to seniors, and, oh, so many more delightfully memorable moments. As the moving cloud touches the sun, it brightens and glows in its warmth. Somehow, we, too, have blossomed—blossomed from pre-teens to teens and to young adults, ready to face the world. And on the threshold of a new year, we gaze in wonderment, and, for a moment, we sit and reminisce of that tremendous year of 1956-57 at OHS.

In humble gratitude,
we dedicate this book to Dudley Hare.



“The world will little note, nor long remember, what
we say here; but it can never forget what *he* did here.”

ADMINISTRATION



Miss Lillian Smith

Dean of Girls



Mr. Ernest Ascherman

Dean of Boys



Mr. Ray Townsend

Principal

FEW of us realize the immeasurable services in guidance, which our principal, Ray Townsend, and our deans, Miss Lillian Smith and Ernest Ascherman, also assistant principal, have given us throughout our years at Ossining High School. Working with the Board of Education, they have provided us with a well-balanced school curriculum, which will be of lasting value to us the rest of our lives.

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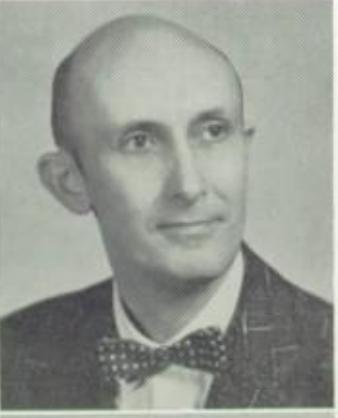


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Mr. Ryan

Dr. Wood

Mrs. Traub

NURSE

Miss Montaldo



CLASSES



IN MEMORIAM



DORIS STEVENS

1938-1954

EDWIN DILLEY

1939-1955

ANGELO BATTISTA

1939-1957





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|--|--|
| Sandra Alpert Getting the wrong pay check Executive Secretary | Clifford Anderson Standing on the corner Soda jerk |
| La Rae Atwood Testing Ice Cream Teacher | Angelo Battista Smiling Raise a football team |

Carol Berkowitz
Going to the movies
with?
Make \$1,000,000

Jean Bizzarri
Dancing
Sergeant in the Waves

Ralph Bertoldi
Chopping the green
Golf pro

Barbara Bowington
Talking (all the
time?)
Tab Hunter's Private
Secretary

William Bertoldi
Judo
Judo Expert

Peter Brown
Cogitatin'
Oklahoma's football
coach

Eric Biedermann
Laughing at own jokes
Medicine

Peter Buhl
Counting money
(poker chips?)
Nuclear Physicist



Yvonne Bunch
Rock 'n Roll
Secretary

Kathleen Caddell
Babysitting (for
whom?)
Make money

Mary Jane Calabrese
Dancing (with
bubbles?)
Dance

Daniel Callahan
Using that blarney
charm
Own a house

Joan Caterino
Hitting the keys
Private Secretary

Joseph Celtruda
Expert marksman
Electrical Engineer

Rosemary Censullo
"Artie"
Private Secretary

Elsie Christianson
Daydreaming
To meet Sal Mineo

Deanna Clapp
Tossing them curly
locks
Marry a millionaire

James Collins
Experimentin' (with
TNT?)
Engineer

Jack Coon
Flashing that quiet
smile
Electrician

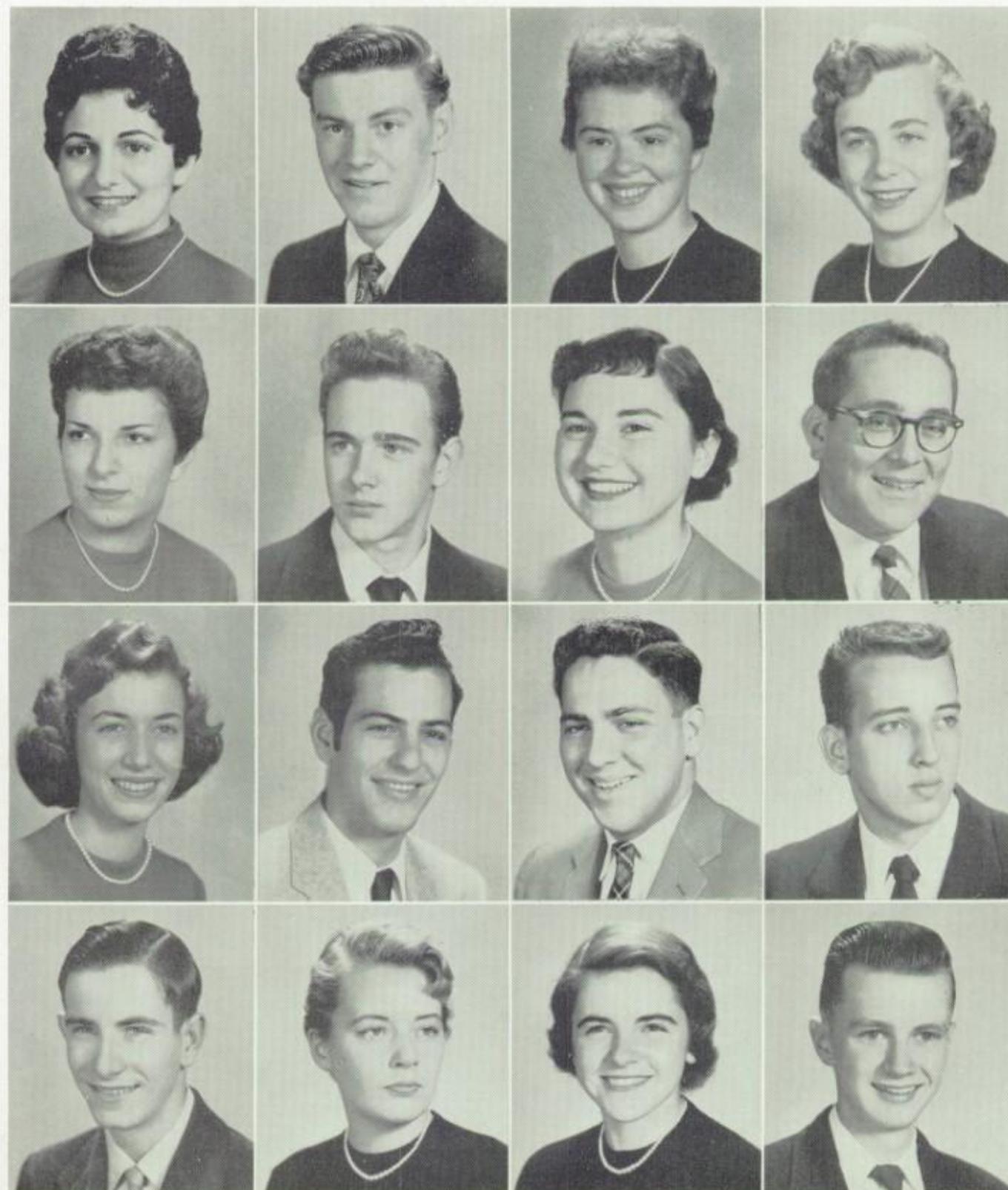
Marilyn Corti
Meditating
Private Secretary

Joseph Costa
Anybody's guess
Broadway

Frederika Cousins
Training to be Miss
Athlete 1960
Nurse

Zelda Crane
Laughing (Is that all?)
Secretary

Julia Crawley
Movies
Beautician



Carol Cuccia
Gathering crinolines
Medical Secretary

William Curtis
Loafing
Auto mechanic

Marion D'Amato
To get to Japan
Receptionist

Marion Deering
I dreamed!
Private Secretary

Barbara DeFalco
"Scribe"
Beautician

William DeLanoy
Work
To be a millionaire

Kathleen DeRocco
Briar Crest (so young,
too)
Superintendent of
Nurses

Raymond DiCioccio
Sports
Accountant

Margaret DiGirolamo
Letter writing
To get a "duck"

Anthony Dolcimascolo
Dames
State Trooper

Donald Donato
LaRae
Math Teacher

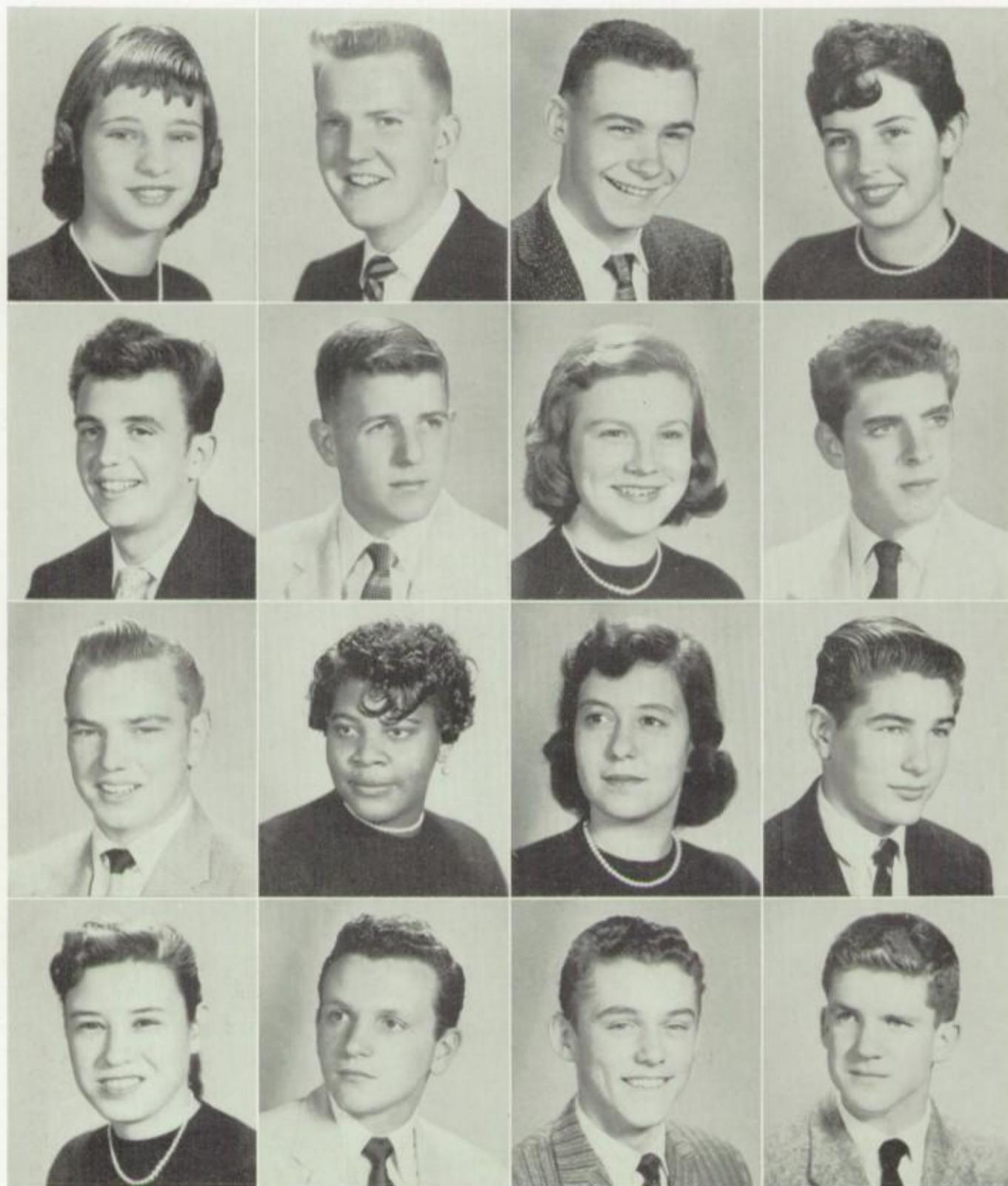
Thomas Doty
Breaking bones
College football

Courtney Dowd
Hunting
Mechanics

Ruthanne Dreeland
Lit'-er-a-tur
Psychologist

Sarah Drew
"Tom"
Oregon

Donald Dykes
'50 Ford
Chemical engineer



Elizabeth Endriss
Shorthand and longarm
Nurse

Kenneth Engkvist
Chasing females
Make money

James Fagan
Posing as a lunchgirl's
dream
M. D.

Barbara Florian
"Bobby"
Secretary to?

Vincent Forleo
Making headlines
Stay single

Gene Fracassi
Courting juniors
To be a bachelor

Mary Lou Gallagher
Making with melodious
melodies
English Teacher

Robert Gallagher
Lethargic loafing
Navy

Anthony Gendron
Gas "buggies"
Navy, and then?

Perlinda Gilchrist
Parties
Typist

Florence Gisonde
"Jay"-Walking
Secretary

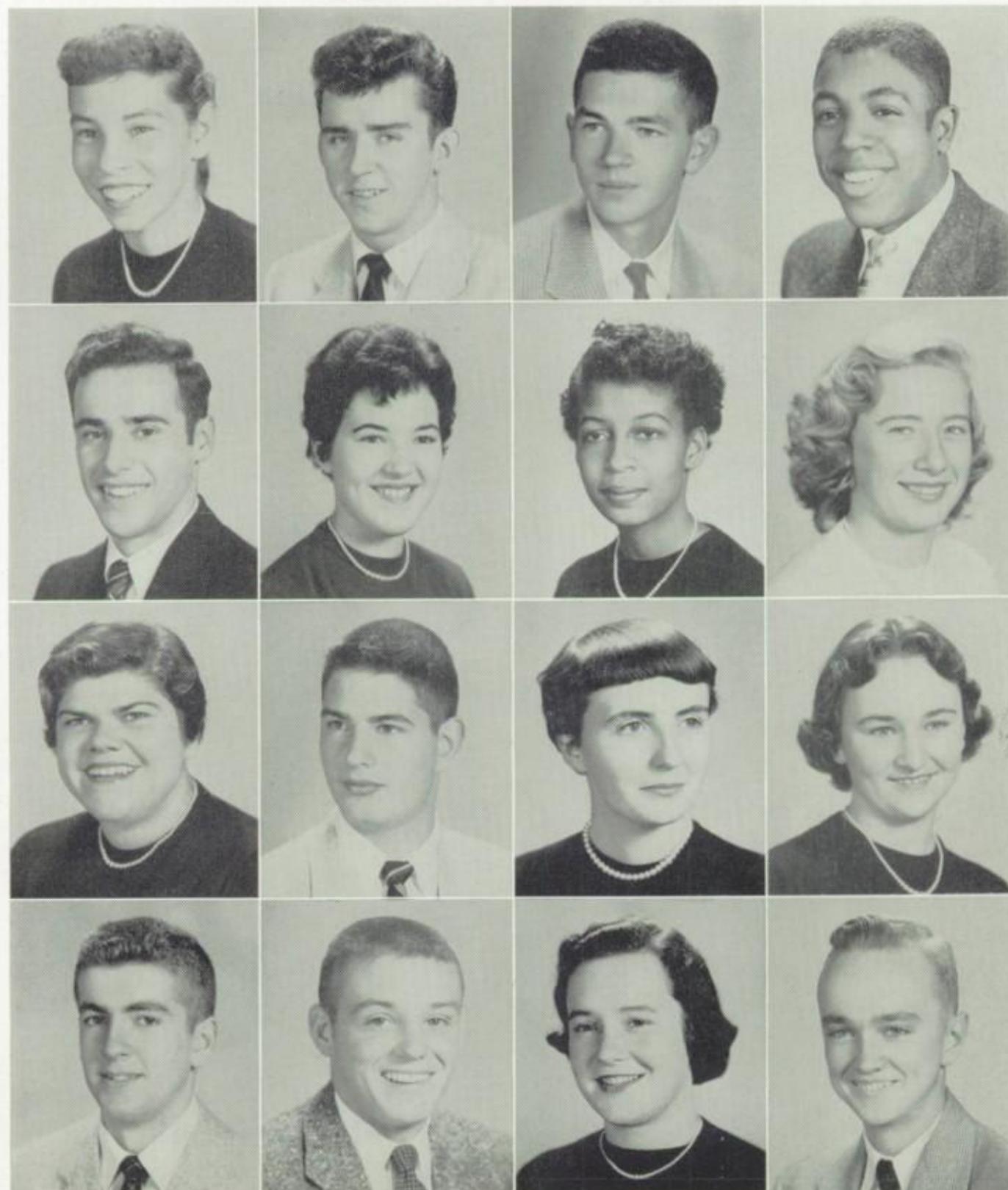
Arthur Glockner
Whistling on the corner
Executive

Agnes Gonsalves
Watching and waiting!
Math Teacher

David Grannis
Installing safety belts!
20th Century College
Degree

Charles Grosclaude
Cracking up cars
Design cars (to crack-
up?)

Denis Hanlon
A whiz on ice and on
the green
Electrical engineer



Willa Hansen
"Bad Chevy"
Private Secretary

Francis Harvey
Being late
Slide through school

Gerald Hatzmann
Fishing and hunting
Electrician

George Horton
"Tickling the worried"
Industrial designer

Manuel Inacio
"Hot Chrysler"
Automotive engineer

Judy Infantino
Dreaming domestically
Secretary

Francine Johnson
Going to N. Y.
Pediatrician

Wilma Johnson
J. C.
Own a Jaguar

Joanne Juliano
Asleep in dreams
Taking notes for?

Robert Kaplan
Sports plus . . .
Engineer

Kathleen Kelly
Walking (alone?)
Receptionist

Eleanor Kennedy
Cinema
Secretary

Roger Kerr
Fishing and Hockey
Civil engineer

John Lane
Football and what
else?
Air Force pilot

Marilyn Lefebvre
Bowling (100 + or
—?)
Nurse

James Lewis
Having a round of
buffonery
Traveling all my life!



Robert Lewis
Sports
Navy

George Livingston
Sports
State police

Nelson Loftus
Driving
Service

George Losee
Sports
Landlubber

Leroy Lucas
Playing Cards
Machinist

Mary Jane Ludwig
Cooking (ugh!)
Telephone operator

Diana Lynam
"Jimmy"
Housewife

Ian MacIntosh
Sports
Pilot

Maureen Macken
"Indians"
Nurse

Edward Mattson
Wine, woman, and
baseball
Electronics

Keith Maxwell
Miss Com's homework
M. D.

Ophelia McNeil
Short story writer
R. N.

Ann McQueeney
Writing an Airman
Script supervisor

Judy Mead
Collecting rings
Marriage and children

Ann Marie Messina
Playing "hard to get"
Teacher

Edward Miller
19 Belle Ave.
Uncle Sam's Navy



Frederick Miller
Girls (Pretty ones,
too)
Auto mechanic

Barbara Mills
"Flying High"
"Globe" traveler

Robert Mills
"Giants"
Union College

Judythe Morris
The opposite sex and
reading
Medical secretary

Linda Morris
Singing
Airline stewardess

Barbara Mueller
Driving
Executive Secretary

David Murray
Acting
U. S. N. A.

Thomas Neff
"Hot Chevy"
Forestry

Elizabeth Ogrodnik
Meeting "people"
Elementary teacher

Cleva Oliver
Changing flat tires
Dance calypso (Wow!)

James Oliver
Sports
Coach my own team

Maxine Oliver
Eruditing
Secretary

Constance Paganelli
???? (quietness
unlimited)
Secretary to
Montgomery Clift

Virginia Panarello
Taking walks
Farmer's wife

Joyce Partelow
"Ricelly" and his TR3
Go to Europe

Dorothy Pennington
Collecting "Andersons"
The Met



David Petersen
Taking money from
Paul
Engineer

Paul Pickelle
Supporting Adlai
Medicine

Lawrence Pidgeon
Hunting
It's tentative now

Thomas Pitzer
Dealing the cards
Aeronautical engineer

Paul Powers
Supporting the
Confederacy
Draftsman

Charles Pratt
Camping
Jeweler

Vera Pulcini
I have a variety of . . .
Beautician

Alex Quatela
Find Artie
Sing crazy songs

Catherine Quinn
Makin' Whoopy
Nurse

Deloris Ray
Movies
Nurse

Susan Reischman
Writing colleges
Phys. Ed. Teacher

Louis Riglioni
Soda jerk
Big business executive

Nick Rinaldi
Garibaldi
To raise things
(agriculture)

Carol Robinson
Soliloquizing
Marry a millionaire

Curt Rosenkranz
The outdoor life for
me
Forestry

Lawrence Slatzbart
Hunting and Fishing
M. D.



Sandra Santry
"Good" music
Ballet dancer

Sandra Santucci
George!
June (Wedding
bells?)

Michael Sarcone
Football
Make money

Delores Schiele
Taxi service
Teacher

Arthur Schmidt
'40 Ford Coup
Auto-body work

Ann Scott
Rock 'n Roll
Nurse

Evelyn Scott
Dancing
Private Secretary

Diane Serima
"Elvis"
Airline stewardess

Gloria Seidenberg
Who has time for a
pastime?
Nurse

Margaret Sherwood
Ringing wrong
numbers
Teacher

Mary Slater
"Cliff"
June bells (another
one!)

Elizabeth Smith
Dreaming
T. V. Star's secretary

Thomas Tarbox
Going to junk yards
Admiral of the fleet

Barbara Tilly
Rock 'n Roll
Singer

Ralph Trapasso
Frosh "chicks"
Hockey coach

Gerald Trizinsky
Riding
Pass English (We hope
you make it)



Alice Trudeau
Foreign Stamps
Secretary

Gail Valenzuela
Writing to Park
Model

James Walker
Reading
Chemist

Barbara Warren
Shopping
(Millionaire!)
Teacher

Patricia Weir
Traveling in a Chevy
Secretary to "Abe"

Louise Whelan
Elvis Presley
Private Secretary

Betty Jane White
Chess
Air Force

Jesse White
Reading
State trooper

Barbara Wiberg
Going Places
Private Secretary

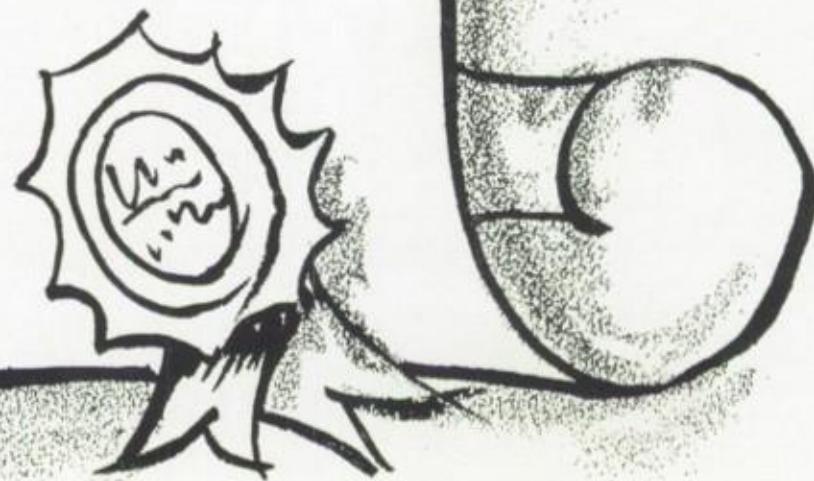
Edward Worden
Hockey
Pro Hockey

Brian Wyatt
Wine, Woman, and
Song
Enjoy life

Nugent Zaccardi
Boating
Captain

SENIOR CLASS WILL

WE the class of '57 of Ossining High School, being of reasonable sound mind, declare this to be our last Will and Testament in manner and form as follows, and do bequeath: ROSEMARY CENSULLO'S and MARILYN CORTI'S startling fact that they are neither twins, sisters, nor cousins . . . ERIC BIEDERMANN'S beautiful blue eyes to ALIX SCHNEEBERG . . . KATHLEEN DEROCCO'S Hi-Fi voice to RAY HUGHES . . . KENNY ENGVIST'S height to KENNY JOWETT . . . LOUIE RIGLIONI'S recipe for hamburgers to PETE CAMPBELL . . . BETTY JANE WHITE'S alto voice and love of music to SHIRLEY HINES . . . VIRGINIA PANARELLO'S black curly hair to MARY ANN PERSUTTI . . . BETTY SMITH'S waist line to JANET TRICARICO . . . FRED MILLER'S blue Chevy to JO ELLEN ROSSO . . . NUGENT ZACCARDI'S dietetic pills to CHARLES TUCCI . . . LINDA MORRIS' Grammar code to all prospective English four students . . . JOHN LANE'S touchdowns to DAVE "STRUMKE" DESOUSA . . . PAT WEIR'S wild pajama parties to JUDY CASTRIANA . . . LOUISE WHELAN'S Elvis Presley Scrapbook to JOAN PLAYFORD . . . GENE FRA-CASSI'S seat in the Briars to JACK PURDY . . . MIKE SAR-CONE'S flair with the girls to MIKE HAMMOND . . . TONY GENDRON'S side burns to CHARLIE DiGIACOMO . . . TOM DOTY'S position as center on the football team to "KILLER DEW DROPS" SMITH . . . JUDY MEAD'S ring collection to VALERIE MOOS . . . GINGER JOHNSON'S new set of tires and a new transmission to GERT CURRAN . . . PAUL PICK-ELLE'S never-ending campaigning to "ADLAI STEVENSON" in 1960 . . . BARBARA MUELLER'S Ipana Smile to TERRY CAMPOBASSO . . . JOHN BELLANTONI'S car to his brother, KEN . . . LA RAE ATWOOD'S stocks in Carvel to LINDA McGRAW . . . ANN McQUEENEY'S red hair to REED JAMES . . . GEORGE HORTON'S artistic temperament to JOHN MORRIS . . . BOB KAPLAN'S soccer kick to his protege, "DOC" REILLY . . . AGNES GONSALVES' "midnight oil" to DAVID ZERN . . . DONALD DYKES' red Ford with its "burden" to CHARLES CANARO . . . T. J. TARBOX'S "fox-mobile" to THE SAFE DRIVING LEAGUE (if it passes inspection) . . . PETE BUHL'S "expense account" to next year's CLASS TREASURER . . . A nostalgic gift of a box of pencils to MRS. LOIS PARSONS from the SENIOR CLASS.





DONE MOST FOR O. H. S.—
Ed Mattson, Sue Reischmann



PEPPIEST—Tom Tarbox, Louise Whelan

HALL OF



BEST ALL ROUND—Willa Hansen, Pete Buhl



MOST STUDIOUS—
Agnes Gonsalves, Dave Petersen

CLASS THESPIANS—
Maureen Macken, Joe Costa

CLASS CASANOVAS—
John Lane, Judy Mead

MOST LIKELY TO SUC-
CEED—Liz Ogronik,
Bob Kaplan





BEST ARTISTS—George Horton,
Wilma Johnson

FAME



**MOST MAGNETIC PERSONALI-
TIES**—Rosemary Censullo,
Pete Brown



BEST MUSICIANS—Ralph
Trapasso, Dorothy Pennington



MOST ATHLETIC—Tom Doty, Judy Morris

BEST DRESSED—
Marion D'Amato, Mike Sarcone



BEST LOOKING—Ann Marie Messina,
Eric Biedermann



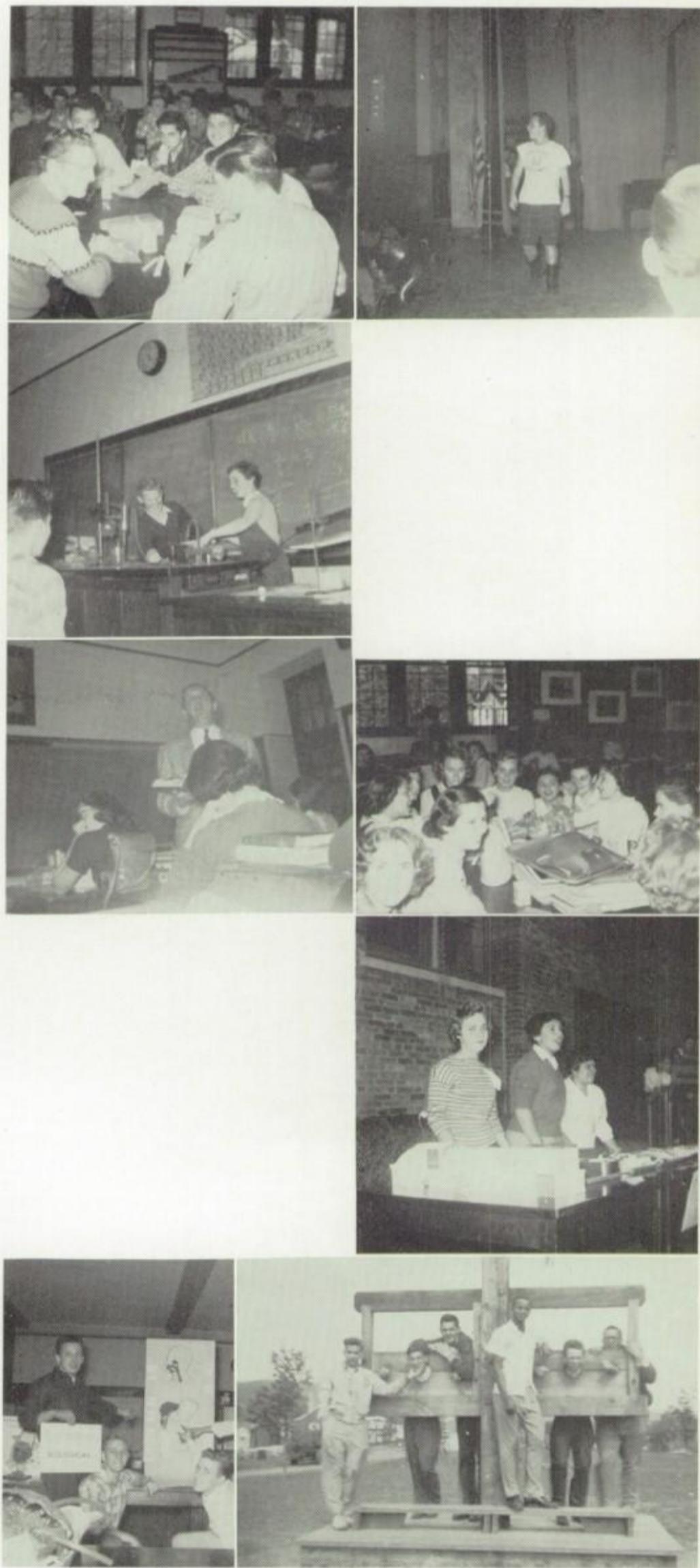
CLASS HISTORY

NOW as the final days for the Class of 1957 draw to a close, many are the Seniors who pause to recall their five fun and work-filled years in OHS. Those first few months in 1952 were certainly hectic—not only to the students but to the teachers as well.

With the onslaught of 1953, the 1957 "balls of fire" seemed to be out to better all previous school records. First, they elected Ed Mattson, Dave Petersen, Ken Engkvist, and Dot Pennington, to lead them in this year of 1953-54. The class next found their social advisers in the duo-combination of Mrs. Harriet Mahoney and Abe Fischler. During the year, the class of 1957 distinguished itself by placing 55 of its ranks in the Scholarship Group; and more than 85 per cent of this number remain on even 'til today, a record in itself. In February, the class gave its first all-school dance, "Cupid's Rendezvous." A big hit!

Late in June, the class elected its officers: Tom Tarbox, Agnes Gonsalves, Willa Hansen, and Denis Hanlon. This was the year the class ordered its rings down by the trophy case; the OHS teams were cheered on by the vivacious enthusiasm of Willa Hansen, Judy Mead, and Susan Reischmann. December found the OHS hockey team sparked by Curt Rosenkranz, Ralph Trapasso, and Roger Kerr. As March approached, applications for the Leader's Club, Key Club, and ABC were being busily filled out before the deadlines. In May, all thoughts turned to publicizing the class Moving-Up-Day dance, thus ending an outstanding year, 1954-55.

The Junior year loomed ahead at last. With a feeling of responsibility, the officers, Ed Mattson, Dave Petersen, Willa Hansen, and Louise Whelan, met in room 305 and formed a class executive council, comprised of representa-



tives from each homeroom. With the holiday season came the class plans for the "Holly Hop," the annual Xmas dance. Among the more athletically-inclined class members were those outstanding Varsity basketball players, Jim Oliver, Tom Doty, and Artie Schmidt. Time marched on, and on April 13, a Friday, the class gave its Spring Dance. At last it was June, and Seventh Heaven, the long awaited Junior Prom, was a perfect way to end an unforgettable Junior year.

Then with high hopes and great anticipation, the class of 1957 entered its senior year led by Joe Costa, Robert Kaplan, Louise Whelan, and Peter Buhl. Many of the most outstanding and enthusiastic members of the class looked forward to leading the various athletic, language, literary, and service groups in the school. As October rolled around, the first senior dance of the year, "Stairway to the Stars," a replica of the Junior Prom, was held. Later that month, when individual senior Wizard pictures were taken, much ado was made about haircombing, tie straightening, and lipstick applying, before everyone was presentable. The senior play, "Caught in the Villain's Web," highlighted the first half of the senior year. Holly, ivy, mistletoe, and a huge evergreen, plus a good deal of senior talent, added zest to the merriment and festivity of the Senior Christmas Party. With mid-winter came the various interviews of secretarial schools, colleges, and N. Y. S. Employment Services; the anxiety of College Boards, State Teachers' Exams, and Nursing Tests. As the final months of its stay at OHS drew near, the class of '57 went all out to make its last dance and the second class party a huge success. And now, when graduation is upon them, the class of '57 may appropriately bring to mind A. E. Watson's expression, "FANAFI," FIND A NEED AND FILL IT.





SENIOR PLAY

THIS year's senior play, "Caught in the Villain's Web," a melodrama in three acts by Herbert Swayne, proved to be an extraordinary presentation with a perfect balance of suspense and comedy.

The play concerned the melodramatic story of Felicity Fair, a victim of amnesia, who was hired as a nurse for Mrs. Regina Larkfield, a neurotically ill woman possessing a keen mind devoted to "matchmaking." Dorothy Pennington ably portrayed Felicity, while Maureen Macken gave her usual vivacious performance as the matchmaker. The object of her pleas for matrimony involve her son, Malvern, excellently enacted by Donald Dykes, who admires Felicity, and Nella Hargrave, the daughter of one of Mrs. Larkfield's best friends, Mrs. Hargrave. Dolores Schiele and Barbara Warren nobly fulfilled these roles. However, the plot thickens with the appearance of the villain, Cyril Bathingwell, our inimitable Joseph Costa (need we say more?), who claims poor Felicity as his wife. Despite Cyril's wiliness, the story ends with the murder of the imposter, Cyril, and the happy marriage of Felicity and Malvern.

Due to the efforts of Miss Jones' and the excellent set decorations by Mr. Globerman the play was a huge success.



PROM

THE winter wonderland of softly falling snow, the hasty last-minute details for that never-to-be-forgotten appearance which is a must, instilled in us a magical feeling of unreality. For many, the transportation which had been provided to compensate for the adverse driving conditions was a catalyst for laughter, singing, and gaiety which were the earmarks of the Prom.

The blissful, scintillating smiles, the swish of taffeta and crinoline evolving a mystical multi-coloration, created the unforgettable atmosphere of our prom. The soft music of Bill Coleman's orchestra provided an enchanting evening of entertainment.

At 12:00 o'clock the long-awaited dinner was served amid joyful exclamations at the finesse with which the repast was served. The miniature drapes and the large picture windows, through which the snow-blanketed landscape and the pale blue-green lights of the Tappan Zee bridge could be seen, and the softly illuminated, spacious ballroom to the frothing fountain as a centerpiece surpassed even the most aesthetic taste.





ELEVENTH GRADE

NEXT in line to fill the soon-to-be-vacated positions of the present reigning "chieftains" of OHS stands the tribe of '58 . . . and fill these positions they will. A swift glance at their accomplishments this year is enough to convince one of their capabilities.

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS: *First row, left to right*—Troisi, President; Gunsenhauser, Adviser. *Second row*—Bardari, Secretary; Schmidt, Treasurer; Sleight, Vice-president.

As the crisp, cool month of September ushered in the first signs of fall, it also ushered in the first days of school. Then came the new duties of president, John Troisi; veep, Jackie Sleight; secretary, Richard Schmidt; and treasurer, Barbara Bardari.

"King Football" held a great deal of interest for the tribe with so many of its members like big Jack Purdy, Tom Slater, and Don "Dew Drops" Smith playing on the team. Willie Terry, Bob Becker, and John Malaspina led the interest when basketball season rolled around, as did Richard Schmidt, Herb Tomkins, and Sam Herko during hockey season.

During the ensuing winter months, Pat Balassone, Ray Kelly, and Nancy Oslund

found themselves likely candidates for personality plus positions, while Barbara Gagliardi and Dave Zern gained wide approval as best-all-around contenders. The Christmas Dance presented by the tribe was an unforgettable experience. The huge evergreen covered with silvery tinsel, rainbow colored balls, and red and green streamers captured the true atmosphere of this festive season. Standing out far and above all else in the way of activities of the year was the prom. The cascade of lovely bedecked belles and gay young escorts, the soft music, and the dimmed lights all helped to create the mood that only dreams are made of.

The Class of '58 has a great deal to remember and even more to look forward to.



TENTH GRADE



THE effervescent braves and squaws of the OHS tribe of '59 started out this September on a multitude of activities under the capable hands of their own popular "chief," Len McWilliams. With such notables as John "Doc" Reilly, vice-president; Mary Lou Puglia, secretary; and Phyllis Yost, treasurer; assisting, how could the year 1956-57 spent at OHS hold anything but great memories for this group?

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS: *Left to right*—
Sipe, Adviser; Puglia, Secretary; Reilly, Vice-president; Yost, Treasurer; McWilliams, President; Mrs. Smyth, Adviser.





Certainly along the line of fond memories, many a sport event, sparked by sophomores, is brought to mind. These S. S. P.'s (Sophomore Spark Plugs) included George Dando, Jack Donahue, and Dave "star" De Sousa. Also, there were such avid hockey team enthusiasts as Bobby Pidgeon and Tom Kane. Jo Ellen Rosso and Margot Gensler displayed a great deal of ability on the hockey field. They also helped spur the cheering squads on, along with Margo Traino, Linda Howland, and Jo Ann Rapp.

It is impossible to proceed any further without telling of Len McWilliams' wonderful efforts in the Key Club's Festival of

Roses. The arrival of the Wright twins and Tony Parisi added another touch of interest to the year, as did Dave Cuccia and his crazy antics, Terry Campobasso and her sweet smile, and that enviable petiteness of Ellen Wainwright.

Together with the weight of homework, the apprehension of exams, the excitement of sports events, various parties, and other social diversions, the end of the school year once again rolled around. It was an ending filled with paradoxical sadness and happiness, and sophomore tribesmen looking forward with anticipation to their future years at OHS.



NINTH GRADE

FIRMLY lodged in its "king-size tepee of learning," otherwise known as the Ossining High School, is our promising and energetic freshman class.

There were many highlights in its life this year. Among them was the excitement that accompanied the election of class officers. The campaigning was especially active and the choice especially difficult, but the outcome was John Cunningham, president; Robert Ward, vice-president; Judy Conklin, secretary; and Janet Tricarico, treasurer.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS: *First row, left to right*—Conklin, Secretary; Cunningham, President. *Second row*—Tompkins, Connelly, Advisers. *Absent*—Ward, Vice-president; Tricarico, Treasurer.



Another of the high spots of the year was the freshman Valentine Dance—where Cupid reigned supreme and arrows pierced the hearts of many. This year the ninth grade boys became eligible for the J. V. teams, and here, to mention only a few, the athletic aspirations of Charles "Butch" Cretara, Jack Messina, "Dickie" Bunch, and Gary Rice began. On the scene to spur on their fellow classmates were such zealous members of the J. V. cheering squad as Frances Haviland, Barbara Estrow, and Judy Jansen. With all this activity going on in the playing fields, and the rest of the class feeding the inner-man with frankfurters, hot coffee, and home

made cakes at their highly successful food sales, this season passed swiftly on.

Included in the list of outstanding figures in the class who helped to make the remainder of the year a success were such notables as Peggy Jupe and her ever increasing popularity, Terry Macken and his "Joe College" appearance, Alix Schneeburg and her quiet charm, Nick Gisonde and his extensive wardrobe, Eddy Gerosa and his "cool cat" looks, and Bob Cregier and his Wow! Senior-girl fan club.

With such an endless supply of natural talent, this class should continue to grow greater and greater.



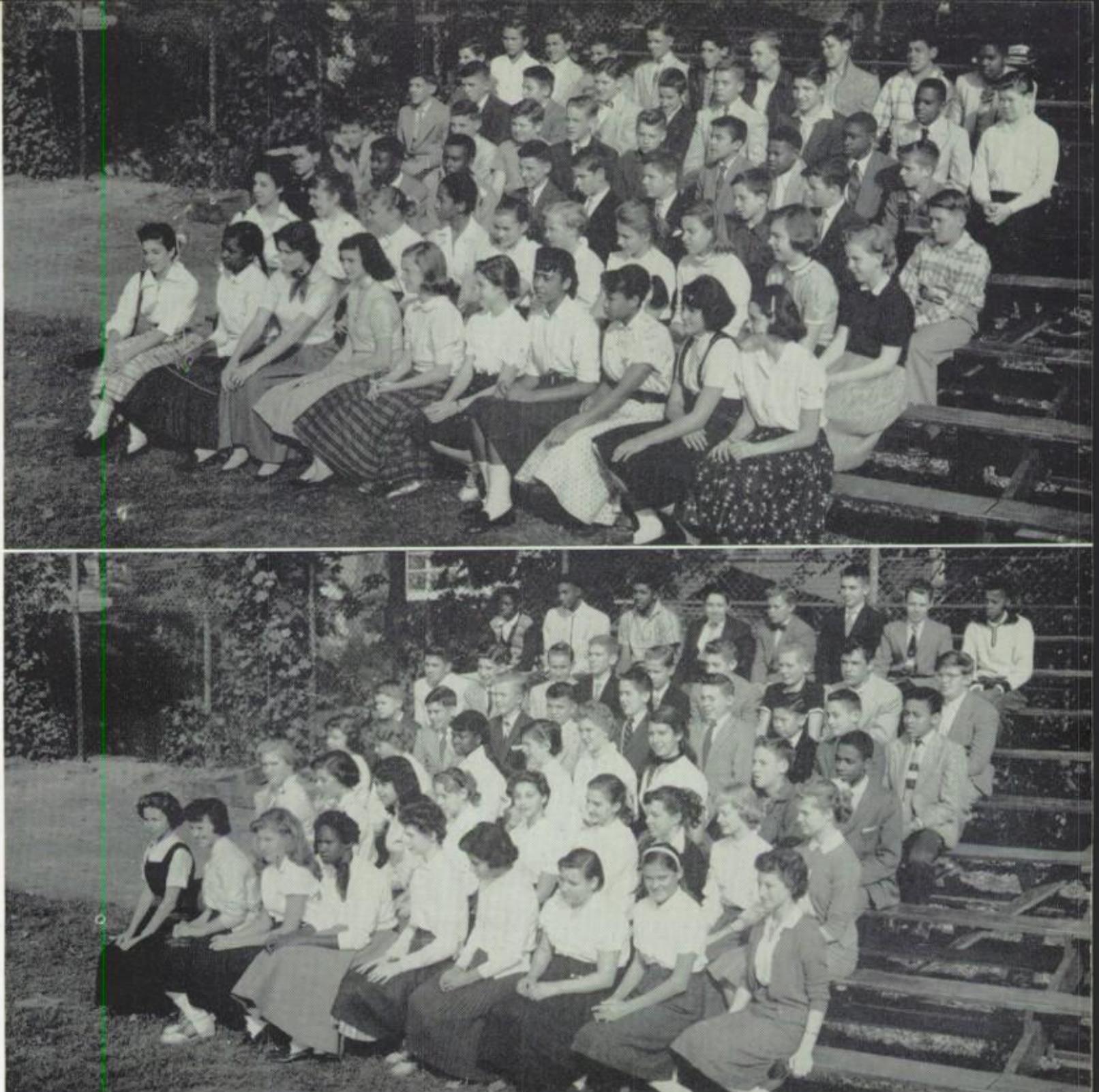
EIGHTH GRADE

WHOOPIIN' it up in traditional "OHS Injun" style, this year's eighth grade class, the "littlest Injuns" of all, have succeeded in making quite an impression on Ossining High School.

Though at first bewildered by the big changes that faced them, they united and chose leaders to aid in the battles against the strange new adventures that confronted them. Mary Ellen Braxton was elected president; Billy Cambi, vice-president; Ann Stasiak, secretary; and Barbara Sbarra, treas-

EIGHTH GRADE OFFICERS: *Left to right*—Cambi, Vice-president; Sbarra, Treasurer; Braxton, President; Stasiak, Secretary.





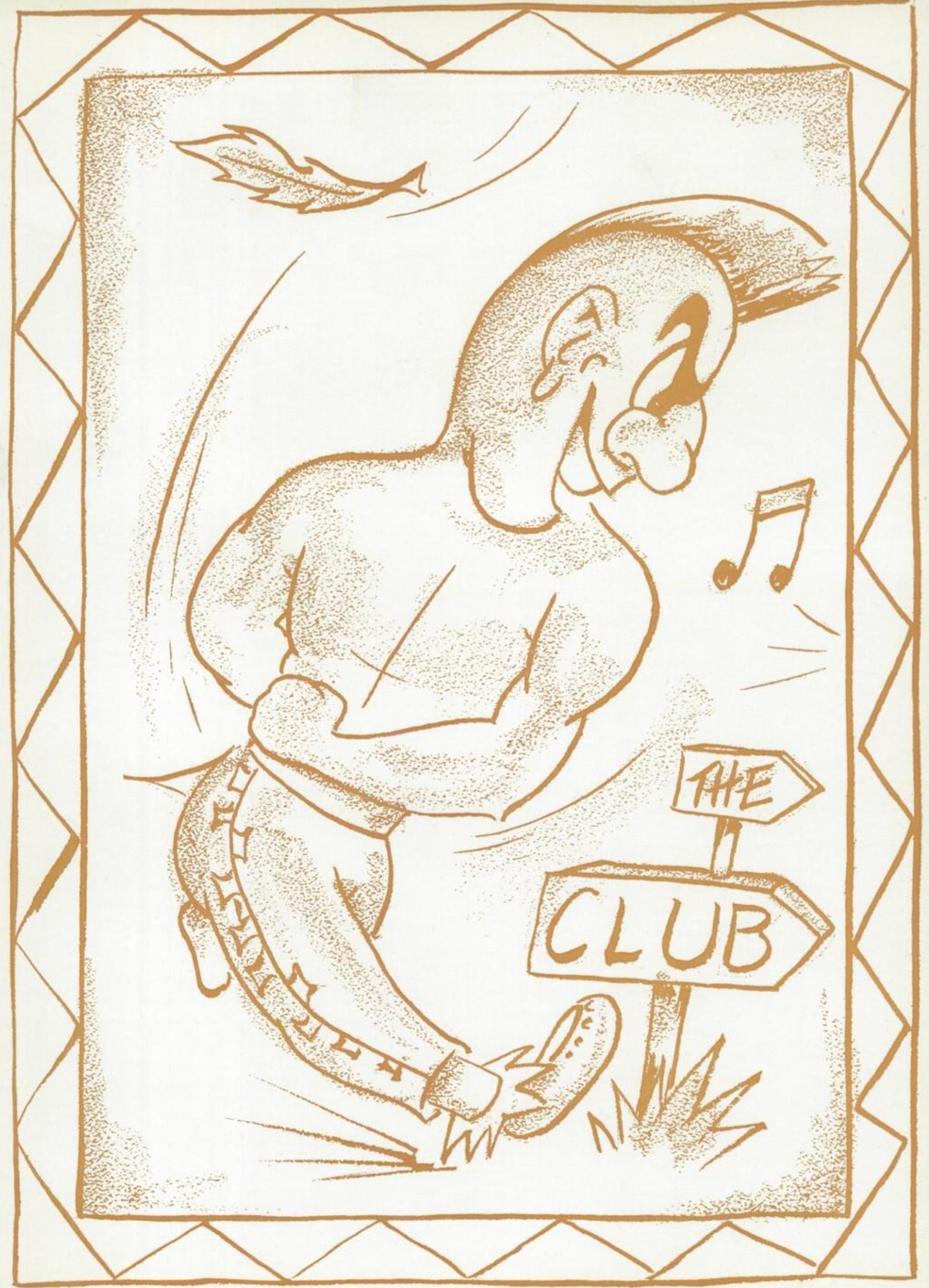
urer. For the most part, the only battle casualties reported were the results of highly contagious disease known as "growing-up-itis."

Amidst the wonders and gaieties of dances and other newly entered school affairs, such smooth dressers as Walter "Buddy" Moos and Wayne Sharrock, and such handsome lads as John Muarawski first left their mark on OHS. It was here also that popular Rose Anne "Patsy" Gondek and Rae Ann Rosenhagen, to mention only a few, along with such charmers as Mary Hannigan and Lillian Merritt, also traveled the time worn path to the top.

Helping the "littlest Injuns" in the building up of their sports' department was that promising all-around athlete Ted Daniels. Anita Goldsmith and Georginia Monks boosted the girls' sports' department considerably.

An event worthy of special recognition was the dance the class sponsored, the first big social affair that was exclusively their own. The dance was a huge success, and when it was over, just as now when their eighth grade year is over, the class found that the fun and pleasure they received by working was reward enough for all their efforts.

ACTIVITIES





STUDENT COUNCIL: *First row, left to right*—Herko, Brown, Smalley, Kolmorgen, Secretary; Engkvist, President; B. Gagliardi, Vice-president; Goldfarb, Secretary and Treasurer; Sturges, Costa. *Second row*—Lupetin, M. Gagliardi, Fiore, Colin, Moos, Angell, Halstead, Lebwohl, Berlin, Scodelis, Miss Jones, Adviser. *Third row*—Canero, Myers, Wilcox, Bowington, Troisi, Biedermann, McWilliams, Rice, McCarthy, Cunningham, Sullivan, Cranston. *Absent*—T. Tarbox, H. Tarbox, Oldenburg, Hanlon.

STUDENT COUNCIL . . . Student Council President Kenneth Engkvist and his various committees were confronted with many difficult responsibilities this year.

The committees, set up to promote more systematic management of school activities, created and revised their constitution in order to provide for the school's expansion, thus giving the new junior high school an efficient and stable student government.

Another accomplishment of the group was found in Gene Smalley's Day Calendar Committee, which rearranged conflicting after-school schedules into some semblance of order. The Evening Calendar Committee, headed by Penny Sturges, provided dates for various activities held at night. The smooth operation of assemblies was due to the effort of Sam Herko and his squad.

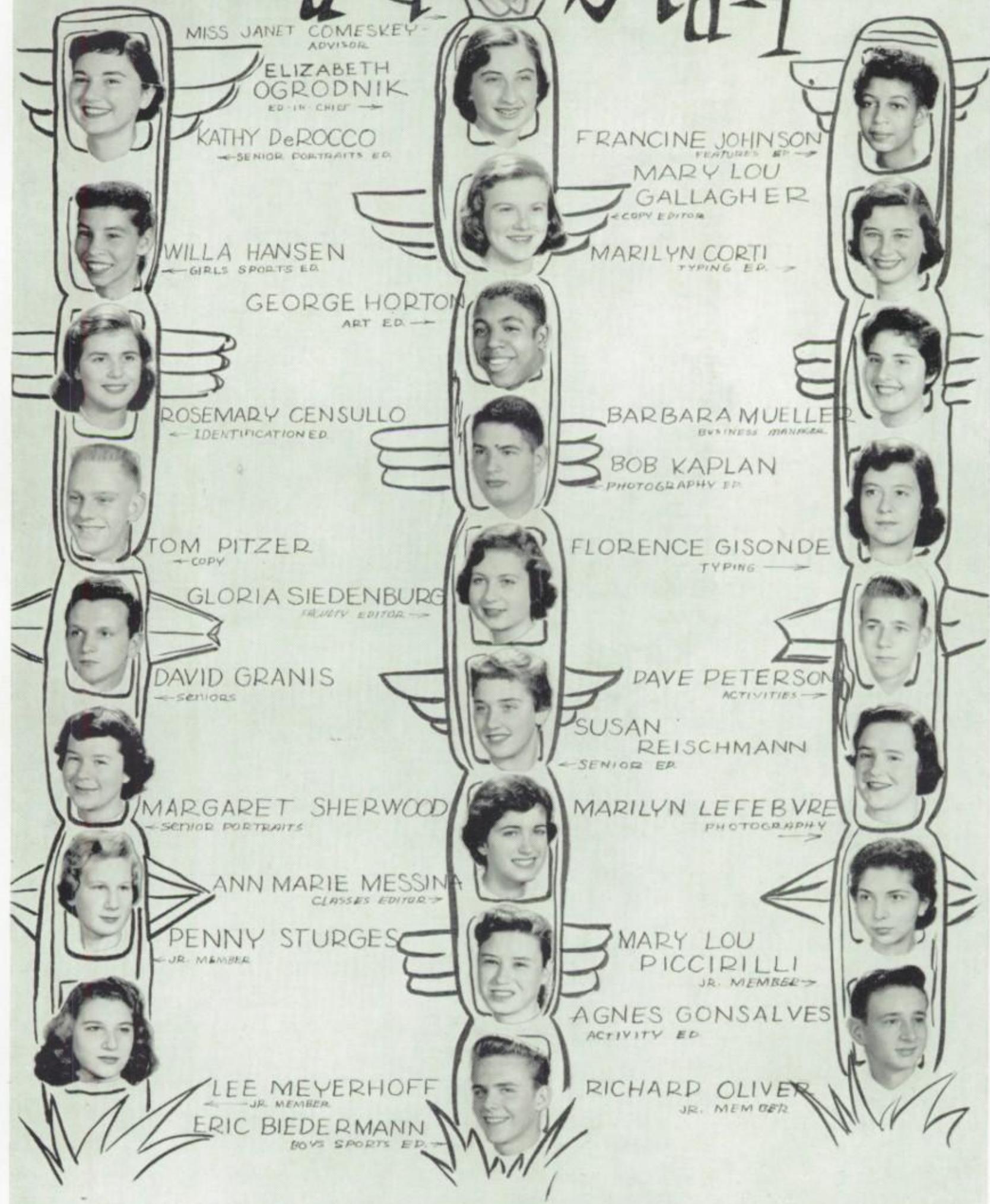
Members filling the positions of bus boys and pourers were kept sufficiently occupied during the Student Council-sponsored Faculty Tea given on Valentine's Day. Special favors and entertainment highlighted this event.

As the year drew to a close, the Student Council was busy with plans for the purchase of a group banner which will exemplify their authority in the school.

WIZARD STAFF . . . It was a warm night last May when Miss Janet Comeskey announced the members of the Wizard Staff of 1957. Everyone waited with bated breath to hear that long-awaited announcement that Elizabeth Ogrodnik had been chosen Editor-in-Chief.

In September, the staff settled down to the task of preparing their yearbook which is a

Wizard Staff





SCHOLARSHIP GROUP

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symbol of Ossining High School. During homeroom periods and spare moments, the staff could be seen combing the files for new and different ideas. Those Friday afternoon meetings until five o'clock continued well into the year.

In the fall, for three gruelling weeks, the staff members scurried about with their campaign charts to meet the quota for sales. Approximately 725 books were sold during the time. Though there was little time for other activities, the staff kept happy with the thought of producing their own book.

When April 1 rolled around, the staff members sighed with relief that at last their job was done. Now they had but to wait for that day in June when their masterpiece would be exhibited to the school—and here it is!

SCHOLARSHIP GROUP . . . The Scholarship Group, OHS' only honor society, receives recognition twice a year from the student body for having maintained a minimum average of 85 per cent.

This year 23 per cent of the student body was represented on the Scholarship Group:

NEWSPAPER: *First row, left to right*—Burns, Mills, Collings, Fagan, Grannis, Litwin. *Second row*—Whelan, H. Litwin, Pesik, Messina, Editor-in-Chief; Piccirilli, Presutti, Macken, Schiele, Schneeberg. *Third row*—LeFebvre, Johnson, Dykes, Biedermann, Engkvist, Horton, Pitzer, Playford, Warren, Shipman, Alpert. *Fourth row*—Wynant, Smith, McQueeney, Censullo, Bowington, Scrima, Eggstein, Kelly, Deering, Dyason, Tarantelli, Sylvestri, Farrell, Rapp. *Fifth row*—Vaccaro, Perry, Powers, Ogodnik, Miller, Brown, Schwartz, Castriana, Canero, Weir, Bunch, Sherwood, Kennedy, Kaufmann.



MAROON AND WHITE: *First row, left to right*—Vaccaro, Starler, Kupec, Wilcox, Reischmann, Editor; Messina, Zern, Collings, D'Agostino. *Second row*—Schiele, Oliver, Sturges, Shipman, Bermann, Young, Alpert, Pesik, Atwood, Warren, Bowington, Kelly. *Third row*—Schneeberg, Bardari, Gillingwater, Schwartz, B. Gagliardi, Butterfield, Censullo, Feeney, Myers, Murphy, Rapp, Ogodnik, Litwin. *Fourth row*—Piccirilli, Kennedy.

Eighth Grade, 63; Ninth Grade, 47; Tenth Grade, 42; Eleventh Grade, 29; and Twelfth Grade, 47. The seniors had an exceptionally high representation, placing one third of its number on the group, of which 21 received $3\frac{1}{2}$ year pins.

Mr. Frank Schmidt and his committee were directly responsible for the smooth management of both assemblies.

MAROON AND WHITE . . . For the headlines of the year we turn to the ever ready Maroon and White Staff.

This lively and informative group has been

relating OHS news to the community faithfully twice a week since 1934.

Under the skillful hand of their advisor, Miss Janet Comeskey, and the competent leadership of Susan Reischmann, editor, the group has supplied the local residents with glimpses of the students' day and the round of activities in the school.

The paper covers sports, clubs, assemblies, dances, "features" on students and other articles interesting to both the student and the public.



KEY CLUB: *First row, left to right*—McWilliams, Van Benthysen, Costa, Fagan, Consaga, Jowett. *Second row*—Mr. Fischler, Adviser; Grannis, Kaplan, Brown, Treasurer; Tarbox, President; Pickelle, Vice-president; Zern, Secretary; Pitzer, Brown, Doty. *Third row*—McCormick, Powers, Kupec, Biedermann, Engkvist, Mattson, Collins, Riker, Lewis, Hutchins, Martin. *Fourth row*—Dichter, Halstead, Petersen, Bardari, Mills, Celtruda, Smalley, Dykes, Inacio, Saltzbart.

SMOKE SIGNALS . . . "Smoke Signals," the monthly OHS newspaper, which was organized last year by the present seniors, has certainly come a long way in such a short time. Although it is fairly new, it capably holds the interests of its readers. The paper contains most of the activities of the students with a few "just for fun" articles. One of the highlights of the paper is "The Inquiring Reporter" edited by Louise Whelan. This section deals with many "important" ques-

tions such as, "What do you think of Elvis?" and, "What would you do if you met a 'wanderoo'?"

As Editor-in-Chief, Anna Marie Messina, did a fine job with the help of the competent advisors, Miss Mary Lou Bishop and Edmund Benini.

KEY CLUB . . . OHS' ever active Key Club, led by Tom Tarbox, president, went on this year to attain the pinnacles of success in school activities. Starting off the year with



LIBRARY STAFF: *First row, left to right*—Kaufman, Lambert, Lee, Biro, Soprano, Ricciano, Smith. *Second row*—McNeil, Morris, Fischer, Murphy, Brown, Miss Pierpont, Dyason. *In front*—Jones.



VARSITY CLUB: *First row, left to right*—MacIn-tosh, Herko, Grosclaude, Doty, Sarcone, President; R. Schmidt, Secretary-Treasurer; Wyatt, Vice-president; Celtruda, Montague. *Second row*—Battista, Oliver, Rosenkranz, Quatelo, Slater, A. Schmidt, Engkvist, Purdy, Anderson, Lewis, Mr. Bonelli, Adviser. *Third row*—Malaspina, Mills, Smith, Fracassi, Pidgeon, Trapasso, Brown, Lane, White, Riglioni. *Absent*—De Sousa, Gilchrist, Kaplan, Mattson, Canero.



a bang the club aided the Kiwanis in their annual "Festival of Roses." Then in January, the club took over their annual one-day operation of the village government. Tom Tarbox, Paul Pickelle, David Zern, and Jeffrey Brown assumed their responsibilities as experienced officials—"stogies and all."

LIBRARY STAFF . . . The efficiency and neatness of the OHS library can be attributed to its industrious staff, comprised of girls in the ninth through twelfth grades.

LEADERS' CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Smith, Sherwood, Perry, Litwin, D'Agostina, Florian, Crandell, Reischmann, Vice-president; Gonsalves, Treasurer; Alpert, Secretary; Mrs. Mahoney, Adviser; Morris, President. *Second row*—Whelan, Crane, Santry, Oslund, Ogorodnik, Evans, Christianson, Hansen, Balassone, Bell, Seidenberg. *Third row*—Deering, Secretary; Censullo, Corti, Dyason, Sturges, Reed, Gagliardi, Fenney, K. Scrima, Martinson, Myers, Gallagher. *Fourth row*—Quinn, Mattson, Schiele, Pennington, Oliver, Martin, Burns. *Absent*—Pesik, Sylvestri.

Aside from helping the students of OHS to obtain the books they seek, these junior librarians gain valuable experience in the intricacies of the functions of a library—experience which will serve a worthwhile purpose in the future as well as in the present.

VARSITY CLUB . . . Mike Sarcone, president of the Varsity Club, cited the importance of his group in advancing the prestige of the students' participation in varsity





DRAMATICS CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Martinson, Herko, Vice-president; Gagliardi, Treasurer; Macken, President; Hammond, Historian; Scriptor, Secretary; Schwartz. *Second row*—Wilcox, Reed, Lefebvre, Kaplan, Tucci, Young, Sturges, Wildes, Miss Jones, Adviser. *Third row*—Persutti, McQueeney, Mattson, Pesic, Johnson, Schiele, Warren, Cousins.

DRAMATICS CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Ogrodnik, Murry, Pennington, Pitzer, Morris, Dykes, Fagan. *Second row*—Perry, Townsend, Feeney, Miss Jones, Adviser; Sylvestri, Evans, Tricarico, Costa. *Third row*—Gillingwater, Ross, Martin, Schneeberg.



sports. Meanwhile "veep" Tom Doty let us have a sneak peek at the sporty Maroon and White jackets the club was purchasing as a symbol of the good sportsmanship the group helps to promote.

Adding to the jam session on club doings were Brian Wyatt, Richie Schmidt and advisers Bonelli and Covert, who commended the students with the added support they have given to the efforts of this year's sport teams.

LEADERS CLUB . . . Amidst the embarrassment and laughter, due to their uncomely attire of clothespin berets, unpressed, unmatched clothing, multi-colored men's sox, and an assortment of clod-hoppers, the new Leaders Club girls recited the first paragraph of the Declaration of Independence and gave toothbrush shoeshines with surprising composure. That night, however, the complete group assumed a serious countenance as they went through the rituals of their formal initiation.

Continuing with this enthusiasm, the club held a highly successful MVP dance. The revision of the Constitution and the allocation of Candy Counter and Sports' managers for the betterment of both departments were the next serious undertakings of the group. The heralding of spring brought plans for the annual trip to New York, this year to see "Li'l Abner" and to feast at the Italian Kitchen and the anticipation of the banquet.

DRAMATICS . . . Actions spoke louder than words this year for the members of the Dramatics Club as a result of the newly instituted point system, developed by David Murray and his committee. Under this plan each member must earn 20 points in order to remain in the club. This may be done by participation in various club committees, plays, assemblies, and cake sales.

James Fagan did a commendable job as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. One of the "main means" was the sponsorship of the All-School Play, "The Ad-



A B C: *First row, left to right*—Murray, Vice-president; Miss Stern, Adviser; Gisonde, President; Cate-rina, Secretary-Treasurer. *Second row*—Mueller, Ship-man, Schwartz, Paganelli. *Third row*—Playford, Town-send, Castriana. *Fourth row*—O'Connell, Consaga, Herko, Jowitt.

mirable Crichton," starring Dot Pennington, Tom Pitzer, Joe Costa, Mary Lou Puglia, Donald Donato, and Dot Pesik, which proved to be one of the most successful spring plays ever given.

The annual May Banquet proved to be a

OFFICE STAFF: *Left to right*—Mrs. D. Alpert, Mrs. R. Brown, Mrs. A. Pavone.



PROJECTION SQUAD: *Kneeling*—Tucci, Captain. *Sitting*—Bunch. *Left side, left to right*—Presutti, Coyle, Callahan, Kelly, Pendergast, Goldfarb, John-son, Mr. Lare, Adviser.

pleasant social success. An outstanding func-tion of the group was their annual presenta-tion of \$200 to a member of the senior class, whose work in the dramatic field was deemed outstanding.

ABC . . . The Activity Booster Club has

CAFETERIA STAFF: *First row, left to right*—Buhl, Knowland, Cellher, Gobel, Pirillo, Ryan. *Second row*—Fagan, Trizinsky, Duffy.





BAND: *First row, left to right*—Williamson, Dittleman, Schwartz, Duff, Wachtel, Oppenheim, Shipman, Washburn, Ryan, Warren, Rotella, Graves, Daniels, Cregier, Kipp, Canero, Cranston, Fleischmann, J. Borst. *Second row* — Powers, Kollar, Newhoff, St. George, Weeks, Taxton, Iamiceli, Presutti, Schusheim, Loftus, Herrington, Lupetin, S. Borst, Cunningham, Rice, Schneeberg, Brown, Huchthausen, Jansen, Fiori. *Rear* — Goldfarb, Bailey, Mason, Gantz, McWilliams, Hutchins, Crandall. *Standing*—Mr. Wilkinson, Leader; Marion D'Amato, Majorette.

done a great deal toward promoting school spirit. The energetic members lend their never-failing support to OHS sports activities. Exemplifying their industry are the scenes of Barbara Mueller and Joan Caterino selling and collecting tickets at football and basketball games, and Elaine Shipman, Joe O'Connell, and Kenny Jowitt, pushing through the crowded bleachers, tempting the crowds with gum, candy, and pretzels. Back in 201, the home base of the group, Miss T. R. Stern and Flo Gisonde directed the sales activities.

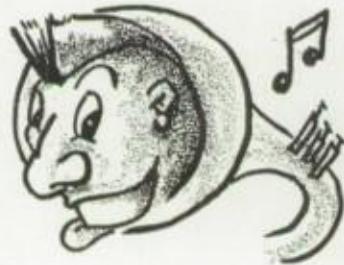
PROJECTION SQUAD . . . The hustle, bustle, and patience in this year's Projection

Squad characterized their efforts to supply tape recorders, phonographs, pictures, and film-strip projectors to the ever-demanding clubs and classes in OHS.

Relinquishing their study periods to do such an incomparable service for the school, the squad led by Charles Tucci, deserves a great deal of recognition for completing such a fine job.

CAFETERIA SQUAD . . . Weathering the storm of both the faculty and student body of OHS at lunch time, are the gourmets of the kitchen—the cafeteria squad. Much to the enjoyment of all, they have succeeded in making the noon hour a time of healthful,

ORCHESTRA: *Left to right*—Crandell, Ciccarella, Collings, *at piano*; Gaggison, Kruse, Schneeberg, Crawford, Hutchins, C. Crandell, Dichter, K. De Witt, De Witt, Mr. Wilkinson, Director; Powers, McWilliams, Rice, Jansen, Cunningham, Fiore, Sisley, Brown, Schusheim, Weeks, Kipp, Taxton, Cranston, Fleischmann, Borst, Goldfarb, Moser, Bailey.





COLOR GUARD AND TWIRLING: *First row, left to right*—Censullo, O'Connell, Florian, Captain; Robinson, Forbes, Scrima, D'Amato, Majorette. *Second row*—Gisonde, Captain; Campobasso, Haviland, Castriana, Bowington, Puglia, Miller, Kennedy.



wholesome, and "just plain" good eatin'.

OFFICE STAFF . . . Amidst the helter skelter of the typical day at OHS, we find a diligent group of "unsung heroes"—or as they are more generally known—the office staff. They have patiently attended to our school's needs throughout this year and deserve much recognition for such a fine job.

BAND . . . With a rumble of drums and a blast of horns, the OHS Band marched majestically on the field. They performed many intricate steps which fairly dazzled the sight of the onlookers.

The band has contributed greatly to the music department of Ossining due to the pa-

tience and fortitude supplied by its director, Roy Wilkinson, and the lively and enthusiastic members. This was evidenced at the Band Concert given on February 21, which went to prove that under Mr. Wilkinson's watchful eye, the band has grown from a group of unorganized players into an assemblage of well-trained musicians.

ORCHESTRA . . . This year the OHS Orchestra functioned not only as an orchestral assemblage, but also as a unified group. A committee, under the direction of Dorothy Pennington, was organized to regulate membership of this year's group as well as the membership of and the duo-combination of



MIXED CHORUS: *First row, left to right*—McIlveen, Lebwohl, Miles, Horton, Mrs. Weeks, Director; White, Lindholm, Lefebvre, Summers. *Second row*—Brockington, Kelly, Pierce, Worley, Rainey, Hutchins, J. Rainey, Glockner, Thompson, Smith. *Third row*—Tierney, Nicolini, Hansen, Stevenson, Murphy, Tilly, Smith, Forbes, Scott, Quinn, Wiberg, Partelow, Gallagher, Powers, Wynant, E. Smith, Haran, Lambert, Hines. *At piano*—Hunt.



FRENCH CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Fagan, Mills, Treasurer; Warren, Secretary; Gonsalves, Vice-president; B. Kaplan, President; Reed, Sturges. *Second row*—Yost, Eggstein, Mueller, D. Scrima, Schiele, Wilcox, K. Scrima, Miss McGarry, Adviser. *Third row*—C. Kaplan, Litwin, Costa, Saltzbart, Maxwell, Pitzer, Rapp, Ogorodnik, Gallagher. *Fourth row*—Koocher, Kennedy, Santry, Drew, Wilds, Gensler, Picirilli. *Absent*—Grannis, Bardari, Litwin, Pennington, Grosclaude.

SPANISH CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Warren, Cousins, Mueller, Murray, President; Pesik, Consaga, Vice-president; Johnson, Caterino, Atwood. *Second row*—Halstead, George, Malaspina, B. Pesik, Bellantoni, Lewis, Van Benthysen, Lips, Cranston, Bonavist, Canero, Mrs. Ceccolini, Adviser. *Third row*—Gerosa, Brown, Schwartz, Scrima, Oliver, D'Amato, Bermann, Mills, Morris, Simos, Hansen, Bunch, D'Agostino, Wachtel, Kaufman. *Absent*—Valenzuela, Secretary-Treasurer, Wilke, Wood, Gilchrist, Lee, Reischmann.



next year's Jr. and Sr. High School orchestras.

The year was climaxed when the lights dimmed, a hush settled over the audience, conductor, Roy Wilkinson, raised his baton, and the OHS Spring Festival began.

COLOR GUARD AND TWIRLERS . . .
Hip! Two, three, four—Hip! Two, three, four—These are the strange utterings muttered by a line of briskly marching girls—the OHS Color Guards. These girls can be seen at any and every football game of the season. Along with the members of the Color Guard march their sister companions, the Twirlers. Both groups work together to

perfect an original routine at game half times.

The girls have done a tremendous job in accomplishing the precision that is so important for a successful routine.

MIXED CHORUS . . . The mellow, melodic tones of the Mixed Chorus drifted through the auditorium doors. Upon further investigation, it was found that the group, composed of members from the ninth through the twelfth grades, was rehearsing for various school assemblies, and music festivals. Under the direction of Mrs. D. B. Weeks, the group has sung such compositions as "Winter Wonderland," "Holy Night," "We

"Wish You a Merry Xmas," and a medley of tunes from "Carousel."

Characteristic of the rest of the music department, this group has reorganized this year for the purpose of creating greater musical interest in our school. Much credit should be given to Mrs. Weeks for her initiative and assiduous drive in sparking such an interest.

FRENCH CLUB . . . "Comment allez-vous aujourd'hui?" may well open the monthly meetings of the French Club. Numerous committees presented programs adding a typical French flavor in the form of games,

quizzes, and skits. As France is known to be famous for its culinary arts, in like manner the French Club became famous for the sale of homemade delectables. New York again welcomed the French Club members on their annual trip. It was an enjoyable day for all who saw Moliere's classic, "Le Misanthrope" and had dinner in a real French restaurant, The Champlain.

SPANISH CLUB . . . Many happy cries of "Ola" were heard again throughout the halls as a result of the rejuvenation of the Spanish Club. Assisted by Mrs. Emma Cecolini, adviser, a multitude of activities was completed.



LATIN CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Sherwood, Mr. Zidik, Adviser; Petersen, Vice-president; Gallagher, President; Johnson, Treasurer; Perry, Seidenberg. *Second row*—Ogrodnik, Gisonde, Tucci, Biedermann, Riker, McWilliams, Grannis, Evans. *Third row*—Sisley, Rosso, Scripter, De Rocco, Secretary; Rubin, Schiele, Free, Schwartz, Drew, Warshof. *Absent*—Sturges, Moos, Bell, Endriss, Morris, Powers.

DEBATE CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Mrs. Smyth, Adviser; Wachtel, Meyerhoff, Bermann, Zern, Kupec, Puglia, Perry. *Second row*—Lips, Schusheim, Collings, Abraitys, McWilliams, Wilke, Oliver, Lebwohl. *Third row*—Rapp, Meyers, Lebwohl, Young, Rubin, Grant.





EIGHTH GRADE CHORUS: *First row, left to right*—Stapleton, Puglia, Worsley, Burdick, Campbell, Akres, Senter, Gabrielian, Kolmorgen. *At piano*—Sturges. *Second row*—Mrs. Weeks, Adviser; Gondek, Stenson, Sherwood, Dykes, Brower, Fiorito, Sellazzo, Kromer, Tierney, Stolls, Dykstra, Henry, Chamber, Brown. *Third row*—Hies, Cooper, McIver, Partelow, Scelazzo, Merritt, Perry, Duff, Kucsera, Valanti, Tuttle, Hannigan, Goldsmith. *Fourth row*—Sherrock, McIver, Terresson, Liljaforo, C. McIver, Smith, Lino, Riker, Cole, Lorenz, Bertoldi, Cypher.

The first of these was a Pot Luck Supper held in December for the purpose of initiating twenty-two new "amigos." During the day the initiates were labeled by "Yo soy un —" (I am a —) on the backs of obvious depictions (donkeys?). In the evening "La Pinata" was played, the Mexican Hat Dance was demonstrated, and, to complete a perfect evening, Barbara Wachtel gave a special portrayal of "Petticoats of Portugal."

Later in the season, the club witnessed a Spanish Play and had real "samples" of Spanish delectables on their annual trip to New York City. This, indeed, was something new, different, and a very pleasant way to wind up their year.

LATIN CLUB . . . The members of the Latin Club put away their Virgils and Ciceros for one evening to enjoy the festivities at their annual initiation service. A new formality, the crowning of each member with an ivy wreath by the club president, Mary Lou Gallagher, was introduced. Then the fun really began; culminating in the cream-cov-

ered faces of Tom Gisonde and Wendy Warshof.

In the fall, the Latin Club presented a spine-tingling film titled, "The Thing," in order to replenish its treasury. Later in the year, the club took its annual trip to New York with its new adviser, John Zidik.

DEBATE CLUB . . . Resolved: that the Federal Government should sustain the prices of major agricultural commodities at not less than 90 per cent of parity. This was the topic on which debates and tournaments were based this year for the National Forensic League of which the OHS Debate Club is a member.

This year the club boasted five out of eight victories in New Paltz and merited the privilege to compete in the State Championship at Albany. Special plaudits go to Bette Bermann, David Zern, Helen Meyers, and Robert Kupec.

This club has made great progress since 1955 when it was reorganized under the leadership of Mrs. Joan Smyth.



SENIOR GIRLS' CHORUS: *First row, left to right*—Hansen, Morris, Partelow, Quinn. *Top right*—White, Mrs. Weeks, Adviser; Pennington, Wiberg, Lefebvre, Gallagher, Smith. *Absent*—Valenzuela.



EIGHTH GRADE CHORUS . . . This year, an Eighth Grade Chorus was formed under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy B. Weeks. Due to its inexperience, the group spent most of the year mastering the fundamentals of music. They presented an enjoyable spring program, and will utilize their training by participation in the school's Mixed Chorus.

SENIOR TWELVE . . . The newly organized Senior Twelve under the direction of Mrs. Dorothy B. Weeks, consists of twelve

girls who had practiced diligently every Monday night at Mrs. Weeks' home. Their efforts provided delightful and varied programs for the Rotary Club, church and school groups.

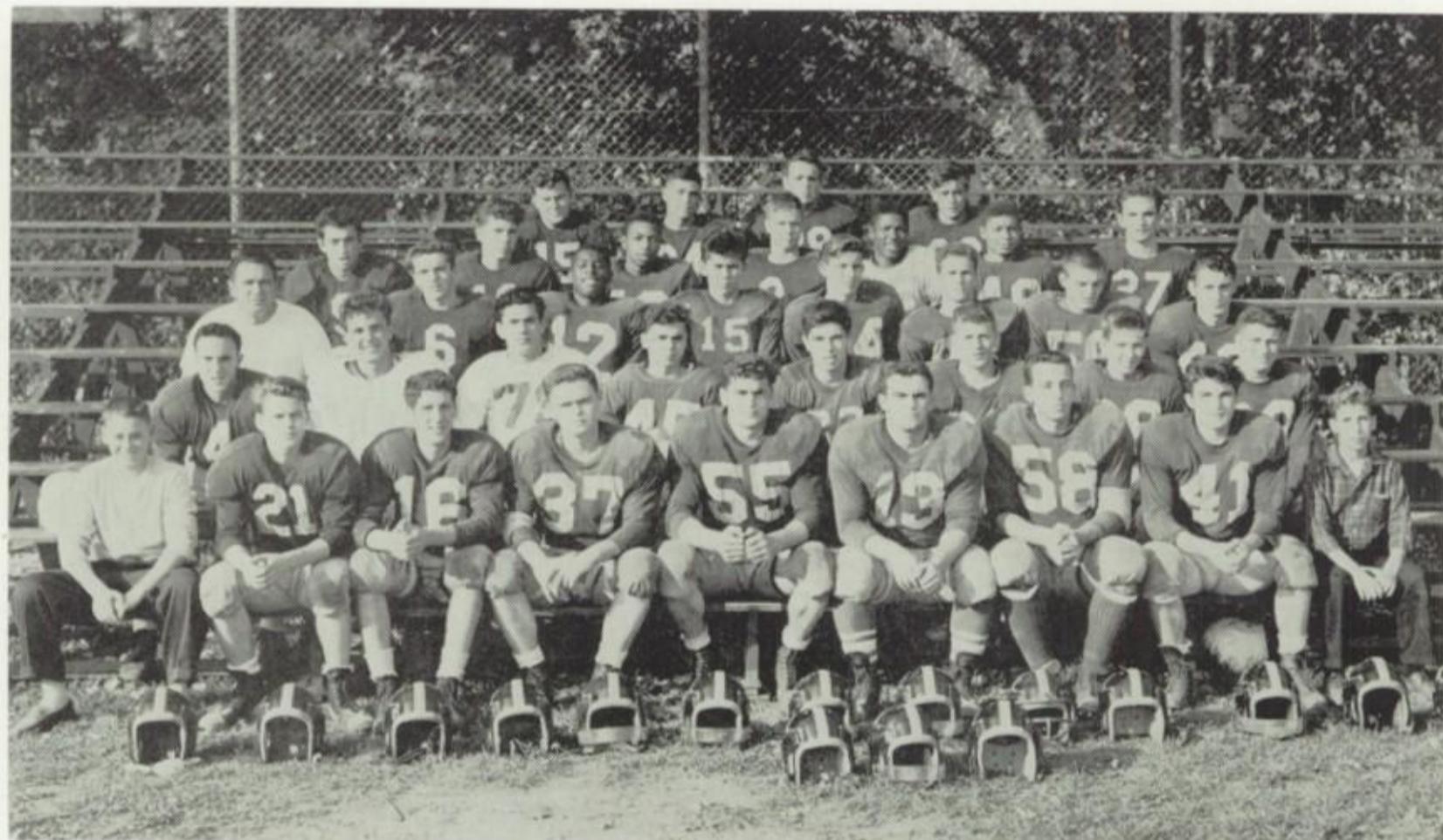
BANK TELLERS . . . When we attempt to describe the bank tellers of OHS the expression of "unknown soldiers" comes to mind. These efficient and trustworthy people collect depositors' money under the capable direction of Mr. Reed.



BANK TELLERS: *First row, left to right*—Kelly, Bell, Vaccaro, Tarbox, Collings, Richards, Swenson. *Second row*—Gensler, K. Scrima, Mancinelli, Kelly, Bermann, Schiele, Eggstein, Di Giacomo, Imm, Partelow. *Third row*—Ross, Perry, Evans, Warshof, Young, Riker, Gualtieri, Scott, Tarantelli, Rogers, Morris. *Fourth row*—Chambers, Stevson, Sylvestri, Morris, L. Morris, Gondek, White, Hahn, Lynch. *Absent*—Carlson, Julian, Kaufman, Piro, Jansen, Sherwood, Bertoldi, Schuelke, Conners, Hannigan, De Rocco, Calabrese, Ryan, Washburn, Whelan, Young, Farrell, Pileggi, Kelly, Davenport, Lavri, Moore, Tryon, Puglia, Oliver, Reed.

A TH L E T I C S





VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM: *First row, left to right*—Macken, Manager; Anderson, Quatela, Wyatt, A. Schmidt, Sarcone, Doty, Captain; R. Schmidt, Censullo, Manager. *Second row*—Abcayys, Folio, Battista, McGuire, De Sousa, Fracassi, Haviland, Beldotti. *Third row*—Mr. Ascherman, Coach; Lewis, Hunter, Cambi, C. Anderson, Brown, Lane, Behrings. *Fourth row*—Prudente, Doyle, Smith, Llewelyn, Gilchrist, Lewis, Di Giacomo, Sles, Tarbox, Riker, Montague.

VARSITY FOOTBALL . . .

| Team | Oss. | Opp. |
|----------------|------|------|
| Mamaroneck | 7 | 13 |
| Gorton | 7 | 6 |
| Chappaqua | 0 | 7 |
| Scarsdale | 6 | 6 |
| Saunders Trade | 0 | 0 |
| Sleepy Hollow | 14 | 6 |
| Peekskill | 14 | 0 |

The Ossining Indians, under the inspirational coaching of Ernie Ascherman and Gene Bonelli, finished the season with much to be proud of. The magic toe of Jack Purdy, and his prowess as halfback gave the team a great deal of incentive on their tiger-like offense. Although Peter Brown, a wiry little stick of dynamite, who played an excellent job at right half-back, was kept out of the last three games of the season due to a minor concussion, it did not keep him from being a necessary assistant and spark to his team mates. He became a twelfth member of the team by keeping a continual contact between

Mr. Dilley, who surveyed the Peekskill game from the school, and the team's coaches. John Lane was a considerable asset as quarterback. Although it was his first year in that position he did a tremendous job scoring two brilliant touchdowns at the Sleepy Hollow games. It would be impossible to rate our offense, Cliff Anderson, who at one time proceeded to interrupt a pass at Gorton and run a good 80 yards for a T. D. On the team's stonewall line, Brian Wyatt, Mike Sarcone, and Tom Doty were large factors in holding down the opponents' offensive lines to a remarkable small scoring and little yardage gain. This fabulous defensive unit of Ossining was sparked by the Herculean job done by line-backer Tom Doty. This fabulous effort for OHS placed Doty as a center on the second string all-county team.

Thus, this year's Ossining Indians were backed by their tribesmen for a season that developed not only a much improved record over last year's, but also promoted colossal improvement in school spirit.



VARSITY BASKETBALL: *Rear*—Mr. Cousins, Coach. *Left to right*—Donahue, Becker, Oliver, Gilchrist, Lewis, Slater, Mattson, Zern. *Front*—Perry, Campbell, Malaspina. *Absent*—Bunch.

VARSITY BASKETBALL . . .

| Team | Oss. | Opp. |
|----------------|------|------|
| Pleasantville | 33 | 43 |
| Sacred Heart | 58 | 73 |
| Tappan Zee | 52 | 58 |
| Croton | 59 | 39 |
| Peekskill | 48 | 63 |
| Suffern | 47 | 57 |
| Sleepy Hollow | 48 | 59 |
| Scarsdale | 55 | 65 |
| New York S. D. | 53 | 62 |
| Pleasantville | 45 | 58 |
| Sacred Heart | 57 | 86 |
| Scarsdale | 66 | 76 |
| Sleepy Hollow | 50 | 84 |
| New York S. D. | 51 | 61 |
| Bellows | 37 | 46 |
| Suffern | 47 | 71 |
| Peekskill | 52 | 46 |
| Stepinac | 35 | 64 |

Varsity basketball, in spite of the scorebooks, produced a good team this year. Varsity coach Fred Cousins, and JV coach Abe Fischler worked diligently for a winning

team, but the team just did not have enough height to support their other assets. Even with Claude Gilchrist rebounding for us and the individual contribution of John Malaspina's set shots, the fellows were not experienced enough, as a team, to cope with the competition with which they were faced. Mention must be made about the improvements seen from one game to the next.

The main facet of our team was its indomitable spirit. If points were scored upon effort, the team would never have been approached. This was evidenced at the Sleepy Hollow game. Although the odds were stacked high against us, the team battled and gave the SHS players one of their toughest contests.

As the bulk of the Varsity squad is comprised of juniors, and such sophomores as Willie Terry, Dave Lewis, and Jack Donahue, we will have a well-seasoned and experienced ball club next year, since Eddie Mattson and Jim Oliver are the only two graduating.



VARSITY BASEBALL: *First row*—Trapasso, Sliding in front; Mattson, Mr. Zidik, Coach; McCormick, Malaspina, Mills, Schmidt. *Second row*—Pratt, Becker, Donahue, Doty, Smith, Lovelace, Kaplan. *Absent*—Kelly, Theisen.

VARSITY BASEBALL . . . The 1957 baseball season proved to be a successful one for the Injun sluggers.

The team, under the new coaching of Gerald Theisen, compile da record that will be long remembered by the class of 1957. This year's Varsity baseball team had many returnees from last year's starting line-up, plus a good crop of JV men also coming into

the Varsity ranks.

Bob Kaplan once again took his place at first base, while Ed Mattson was catching and Nelson Loftus held down the center field position. Then, there was Bob Mills in the infield with Ralph Trapasso as a utility man. Looking towards the mound "Dew Drops" Smith and Tom Doty were seen many times rubbing up the rosin bag.

JV BASEBALL . . .
 Thomas Tompkins, new JV coach due to a new baseball system, had a surprisingly successful season with his team. With such returnees as Claude Gilchrist, Dave DeSousa, and Jack Donahue, the squad had a productive season. John Zidik became the Jr. JV coach and pitching adviser under the new system. The Jr. JV was comprised of many good players graduating from the

Little League into the ranks of the OHS teams.



J. V. BASEBALL: *First row, left to right*—Oliver, Boldt, O'Conner, Crane, Mr. Thompkins, Adviser; Rice, Vaccaro, Richards. *Absent*—Anderson, Carson, Gisonde, Donzella.





SOCER: *First row, left to right*—Gannis, Reilly, Kane, MacIntosh, Pidgeon, Vaccaro, Troisi. *Second row*—Dicher, Biedermann, Mills, Mattson, Terry, Campbell. *Third row*—Ward, Wood, Trapasso, Kerr, Engkvist, Kaplan, Carson, Starler, Schusheim, Riglioni. Mr. Cousins, Coach.

SOCER . . .

| <i>Team</i> | <i>Oss.</i> | <i>Opp.</i> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Searsdale | 1 | 4 |
| Bronxville | 3 | 0 |
| Sleepy Hollow | 2 | 1 |
| Bronxville | 1 | 2 |
| Searsdale | 1 | 1 |
| F. E. Bellows | 4 | 2 |
| Sleepy Hollow | 1 | 1 |
| Scarborough | 5 | 1 |
| F. E. Bellows | 1 | 1 |
| Scarborough | 5 | 0 |

The 1956-57 soccer season was the best season the Ossining High School booters have had. The team, under the coaching of Fred Cousins, who started soccer at OHS only four years ago, ended the season with a five win, two loss, and three tie record.

A great factor in the team's success was the efforts of fullback Ken Engkvist and the versatile senior halfbacks, Bob Kaplan, Ian MacIntosh, and Roger Kerr. These halfbacks defended their goal ably, and also aided in pressing attacks led by the forward line. Ralph Trapasso, Eddie Mattson, Bob Mills and Eric Biedermann of the forward line accounted for the 24 goals Ossining scored in the season's play. John Troisi, Ian MacIntosh, and Bob Kaplan, three outstanding members of the team, recognized for their superior efforts, made the All-County Team. Troisi was goalie and a standout in that position, allowing only 12 goals to be scored against him for a 1.2 goals per game average.



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM: *First row, left to right*—Sherrock, Pietrobono, Stader, Buhl, Cullen, Rainey. *Second row*—Mr. Ward, Coach; Bell, Perry, Briggs, Tryon, Fallon, Gilchrist.

CROSS COUNTRY . . . The fall of 1956 found the Ossining Cross Country team featuring those outstanding runners, seniors Pete Buhl, James Walker, and sophomore Joe Rainey, who was the star point-getter for Coach Ward's thinclads.

Although the season was not the best in terms of winning matches, the large number of freshmen team members gained the necessary experience to make next year's squad stronger with the aid of experienced, and thus more proficient runners, in Frank Cullen, Pete Tryon, and Vincent Stayler.

With the continuance of these enthusiasts, Coach Ward's fine job, and Rainey's ability to conquer those first and second places, the seasons ahead look foreboding to our opponents and promising for the OHS Cross Country team.





JUNIOR J. V. FOOTBALL: *First row, left to right*—Lupetin, Bailey, De Crenza, Kupec, Ward, T. Rotella, Damiano, Kipp, D. Kipp, Mr. Hoehn, Coach. *Second row*—Bertoldi, Cregier, Marvak, Bayer, Gilbert, F. Rotella, Byrne, Messina, Mr. Thompkins, Coach. *Third row*—Gisonde, Bonavist, Miller, Berlin, Boughton, Cohn, Presutti, Reibling, McGuire.



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL: *Left to right*—Parise, Carson, McCormack, Marvak, Cretara, Nacinovich, DeSousa, Cunningham, Jowitt, Angell, Messina, Martin, Rice, Mr. Fischler, Adviser. *Absent*—Bunch, Crane.



TENNIS: *First row, left to right*—Lewis, Cunningham. *Second row*—Kriegsman, Canero, Losee, Zern, Mr. Hoehn, Coach. *Absent*—Reilly, Kerr.

GOLF: *First row, left to right*—Saltzbart, Iamiceli, Tyan, Kirkman. *Second row*—Slater, Mr. Benini, Coach; Dando, Maresco, Pitzer.



RIFLE CLUB: *First row, left to right*—Ward, Lelley, Graves, Beyerl. *Second row*—Schwartz, Lewis, Grosclaude, Co-captain; Celtruda, President. *Third row*—Swenson, Mr. Reed, Coach; Boldt, Feltman. *Absent*—R. Kelly, Harrison, Bonavist, Conkling, Johnson, Grosclaude.



JV BASKETBALL . . . The little Injun JV Basketball team had a satisfying season under the coaching of Mr. Abe Fischler. The JV team had in George Dando, the height that was utilized in rebounds both offensively and defensively.

Even though the JV team lost a high scoring man in Jack Donahue to the Varsity squad, Mr. Fischler still had Dave DeSousa, Wayne McCormack, and other freshmen and sophomores to compensate for this loss in skill and precision.

TENNIS . . . Under the coaching of Connie Hoehn, the Ossining High School tennis team played a good season and with stiff competition from Peekskill, Briarcliff, and Chappaqua the team really had a chance to show their mettle. Roger Kerr, Charlie Canno, and George Losee can be commended for superb playing in the singular matches, while "Doc" Reilly and Jim Lewis gave stellar performances in doubles.

We owe the tennis team a tremendous vote of recognition. After an unblemished record of almost 60 straight games, the few setbacks have made for the betterment of the team.

GOLF . . . OHS' Ed Benini's golf team, starred by returnees Tom Pitzer and Nick Renaldi, made an excellent try on the fairways to perfect their form and precision. With a lot of stiff competition facing them, the team put up a valiant fight, gaining that much needed experience, essential to next season's hopefuls.

JJV FOOTBALL . . .

| <i>Team</i> | <i>Oss.</i> | <i>Opp.</i> |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fox Lane | 20 | 14 |
| St. Peter's | 7 | 13 |
| Peekskill | 7 | 13 |
| Chappaqua | 12 | 14 |

"Connie" Hoehn had a junior jay-vee team this year that won one game and lost three very close heart breakers. The games in which Ossining bowed to defeat were toss-up games in which the little Injuns came out on the bottom of the heap. The J JV did, however, make excellent showings on the gridiron against Briarcliff and Croton.

However, OHS can look forward to good football from these ninth grade J JV's due to the valuable experience they have gained in this 1956-57 season. Next year these enthusiastic members will go on to form the nucleus of the Indian JV team.

RIFLE . . . Among the winter sports at OHS is the rifle team. Under the capable direction of Ben Reed, and the leadership of Captain Joe Celtruda, the team participated in many exciting matches. Such seniors as Jim Lewis, Charles Grosclaude, and junior Ray B. Kelley gave good scores to the team's record in the N. R. A. Postal Match, the Conn. State Tournament, and the N. Y. S. P. H. A. A. Rifle Tournament.

The team, having done fairly well this season, is looking forward to great success in the next few years. The reason for these future aspirations is directly linked to the seven promising freshmen on the team.

HOCKEY . . .

| <i>Team</i> | <i>Oss.</i> | <i>Opp.</i> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| New Rochelle | 4 | 3 |
| Mamaroneck | 6 | 3 |
| Greenwich | 3 | 2 |
| Darian | 1 | 1 |
| Sleepy Hollow | 5 | 0 |
| New Rochelle | 3 | 3 |
| Mamaroneck | 5 | 0 |
| Greenwich | 5 | 2 |
| Darian | 2 | 0 |
| Sleepy Hollow | 9 | 1 |

Once again a championship came to Ossining High School. The hockey team with its superior playing has secured the National League trophy in our showcase for another year. At the Darian game, the big game of the season, two assets of the team prevailed. First, the spirit, courage, and ability of the players has finally established hockey as one of the major sports in OHS. Second, the school spirit was evident, when throngs of OHS students piled into the Playland Casino during the Ossining games.

To describe the team would be a difficult task, without mentioning several individual players along with the fine coaching of Edmund Benini. Senior Roger Kerr was a stand-



HOCKEY: *First row, left to right*—Tompkins, Herko, Reilly, Kriegsman, Kane, Bell. *Second row*—White, O'Connell, Gilleran, Pidgeon, Cregier, Lovelace, Worden, Schmidt, Rosenkranz. Trapasso, Kerr, L. Pidgeon, Mr. Benini, Coach.

out on the left wing and was one of the top scorers of the team. At center was another senior, Ralph Trapasso, whose vigor and skill was utilized by his playing this position. On the right wing was Sophomore Sammy "Boom Boom" Herko. Larry Pidgeon was a symbol of the team's spirit, for Larry could rotate from right wing to defenseman, playing enthusiastically in either position. The expert playing of "Doc" Reilly, the sophomore goalie, turned in many beautiful shutouts. Curt Rosenkranz, Robert Pidgeon, and Richard Schmidt must also be commended for a job well done. Congratulations and GOOD LUCK!

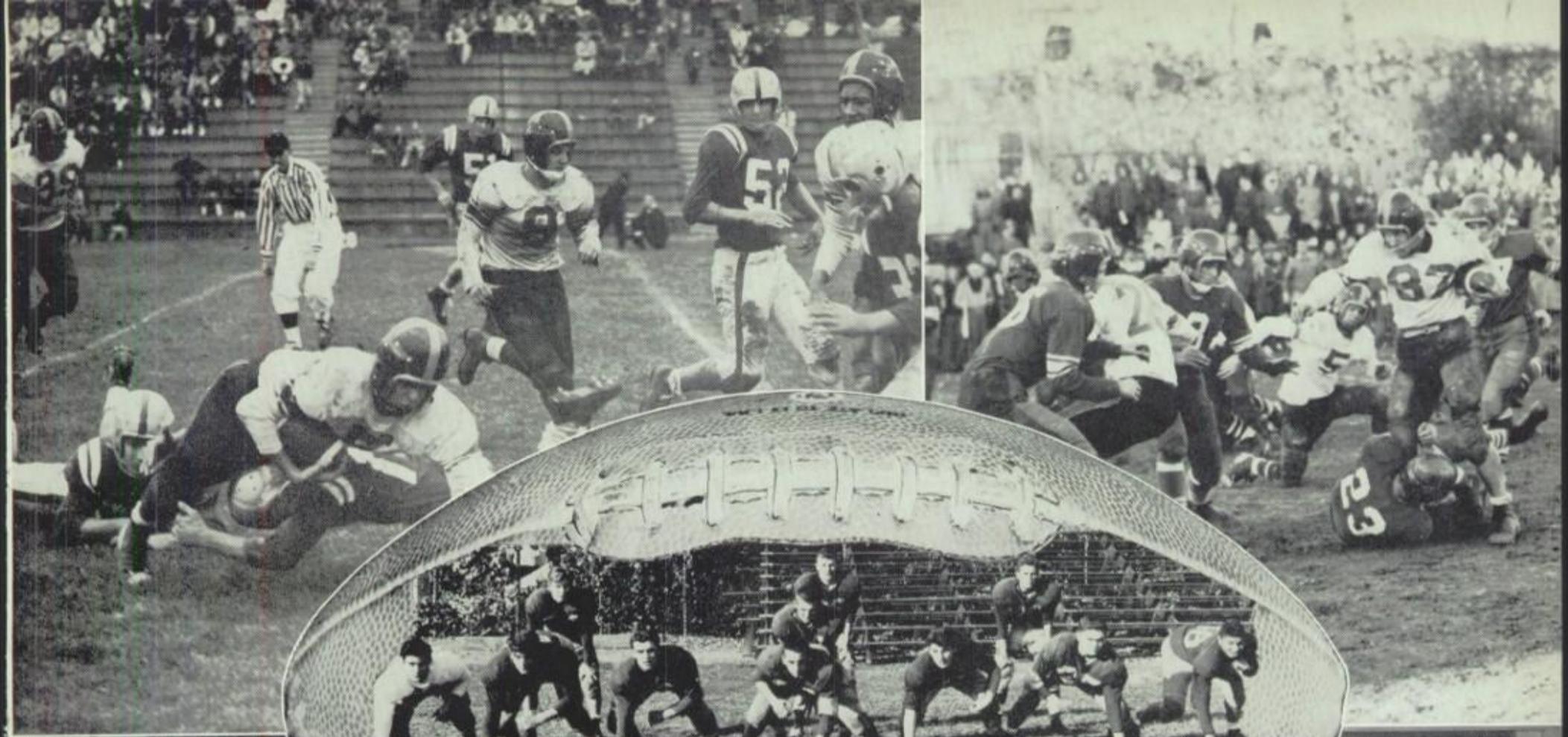
TRACK . . . This year it was not an uncommon sight in the spring to see Al Ward watching the boys running, sprinting, and jumping the hurdles, on the track after school. Also, Abe Fischler was sharpening his pole vaulters, and broad jumpers.

Pete Brown doing the 100 and 200 yards; Joe Costa on the pole vault and hurdles; Pete Buhl on relays; Jack Purdy on shot put; Joe Rainey doing the 880; and T. J.

Tarbox running the 440, are a few of the notable stars that competed in the 1957 track meets, along with those up and coming on the track team.

TRACK: *First row, left to right*—Tarbox, Captain; Buhl, Brown, Lucas. *Second row*—Horton, Rainey, Walker, Mr. Ward, Coach; Collins, Lewis. *Third row*—McWilliams, Van Benthuyzen, Terry, Reilly. *Absent*—Mr. Covert, Coach.







CHEERING . . . Always adding a boost to the height of school spirit at OHS are the lively cheering squads. This year's varsity squad was sparked by last year's returnees: Terry Feeney, Jo Ellen Rosso, Judy Martinson, Jackie Sleight, Margo Gensler, and Marion D'Amato; and the substituting of a real "regular," Karen Scrima. Also with the squad temporarily were Pat Balassone, Judy Mead, and Nancy Oslund. Varsity captain, Willa Hansen and manager, Catherine Quinn, did a fine job of keeping their squad lively, loud, and peppy.

You may have seen our cheerleading "belles" on Will Rogers' T. V. show one "early" morning in September. Compliments on their performance were received from points as far away as Georgia and Minnesota!

Peggy Reed, captain of the JV cheering squad, did a marvelous job with an entirely new squad. The girls, under Mary Ann Vacaro, cheered exceptionally well. Janet Tricarico, Linda Howland, and Phyllis Yost showed real promise for next year's squad.

As a fitting climax to a highly successful season, the squads were both awarded trophies for the highest rating at the Westchester County Cheerleading Festival in March.

HOCKEY . . . This year's Varsity and JV hockey teams were fortunate to attend a hockey clinic, where they received some very helpful hints on hockey playing as well as the compliment of being called "jolly good girls" by a British hockey expert.

The Varsity team, led by Judy Mead, had its first undefeated season in some years. Adding something new to girls' hockey, an



VARSITY CHEERING: *Counter-clockwise*—D'Amato, Feeney, Martinson, Wilds, Mead, Gagliardi, Sleight, Hansen, Captain; Rosso, Gensler.

M. V. P. award was given, this year, to an excellent goalie, Mary Lou Gallagher, who allowed only one goal from opposing teams to be scored.

Although the JV's season was not quite as successful as Varsity's, they nevertheless put up a good fight under their captain, Joyce Kennedy.

JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: *First row, left to right*—Haviland, Reed, Captain; Yost. *Second row*—Traino, Howland. *Third row*—Ross, Jansen. *Fourth row*—Tricarico.





GIRLS HOCKEY: *Front*—Hansen, Mead. *First row*—Bell, Crandell, Gallagher, Rosso, Morris, Caddell. *Second row*—Gagliardi, Reischmann, Quinn, D. Scrima, Crane, Mrs. Mahoney, Adviser.



Credit should also be given "eager beaver" Susan Reischmann for arranging and directing a fine hockey play day in October. The Varsity 11 came out tops in both forward and back lines in this play day, which foreshadowed the fine season ahead of them.

ARCHERY . . . Under the instruction of Miss Ann Brundage and Miss Mary Casey, the different techniques of stringing bows, and of shooting, plus many safety rules, intended to prevent any punctured prides, were presented.

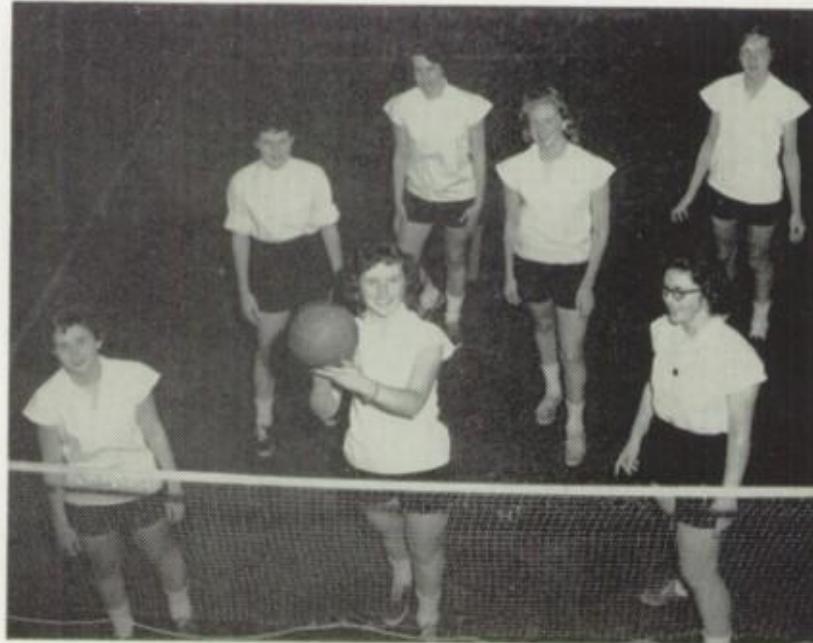
BASKETBALL . . . The main supporters of the victorious girls' basketball team, Judy Morris and Florence Artis, aided by old-timers, Zelda Crane and Betty Cousins, and newcomers Dot Pesik and Helen Wright, sped the "red hot" team on to a season of only one defeat.

Again J. V. lacked the fire to win all its games, but is certainly put up a good fight and will profit from the experience. However, recognition should be given to those fine players Lois Collins and Kathy Miller.



GIRLS' ARCHERY: *First row, left to right*—Wright, Reed, Schiele. *Second row*—Macken, Mrs. Mahoney, Coach; Mattson, Summers.





GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL: *First row, left to right—Rosso, Quinn, Mattson. Second row—Gensler, Serima. Third row—Wright, Cousins. Absent—Hansen, Morris, Artis, Howland.*

VOLLEYBALL . . . For the third year Judy Morris and Florence Artis were on hand to get the Varsity volleyball team rolling. Also, Kathleen Caddell lent her talents to this flashing Varsity team as did such go-getters as Elizabeth Endriss, Betty Cousins, and Catherine Quinn.

Needless to say the girls had a very successful season, winning three out of their five games.

BADMINTON: *First row, left to right—Mrs. Mahoney, Coach; Ogorodnik, Serima. Second row—Eggstein, Macken, Schiele.*



GIRLS' BASKETBALL: *Left side—Pesik, Serima. Center—Morris, Mrs. Mahoney, Coach; Quinn, Crane. Right—Wright, Cousins. Absent—Mead, Artis.*

BOWLING . . . The Ossining girls certainly gave those pins a rough time this year. In charge of operations at the bowling alley were Marilyn Lefebvre, and Miss Ann Gorey, director. Judy Bell again bowled a fine game, and Ellen Wainwright showed great promise.

The energetic eighth grade was well represented in this winter sport as they had been in most of the girls' sports offered this year.

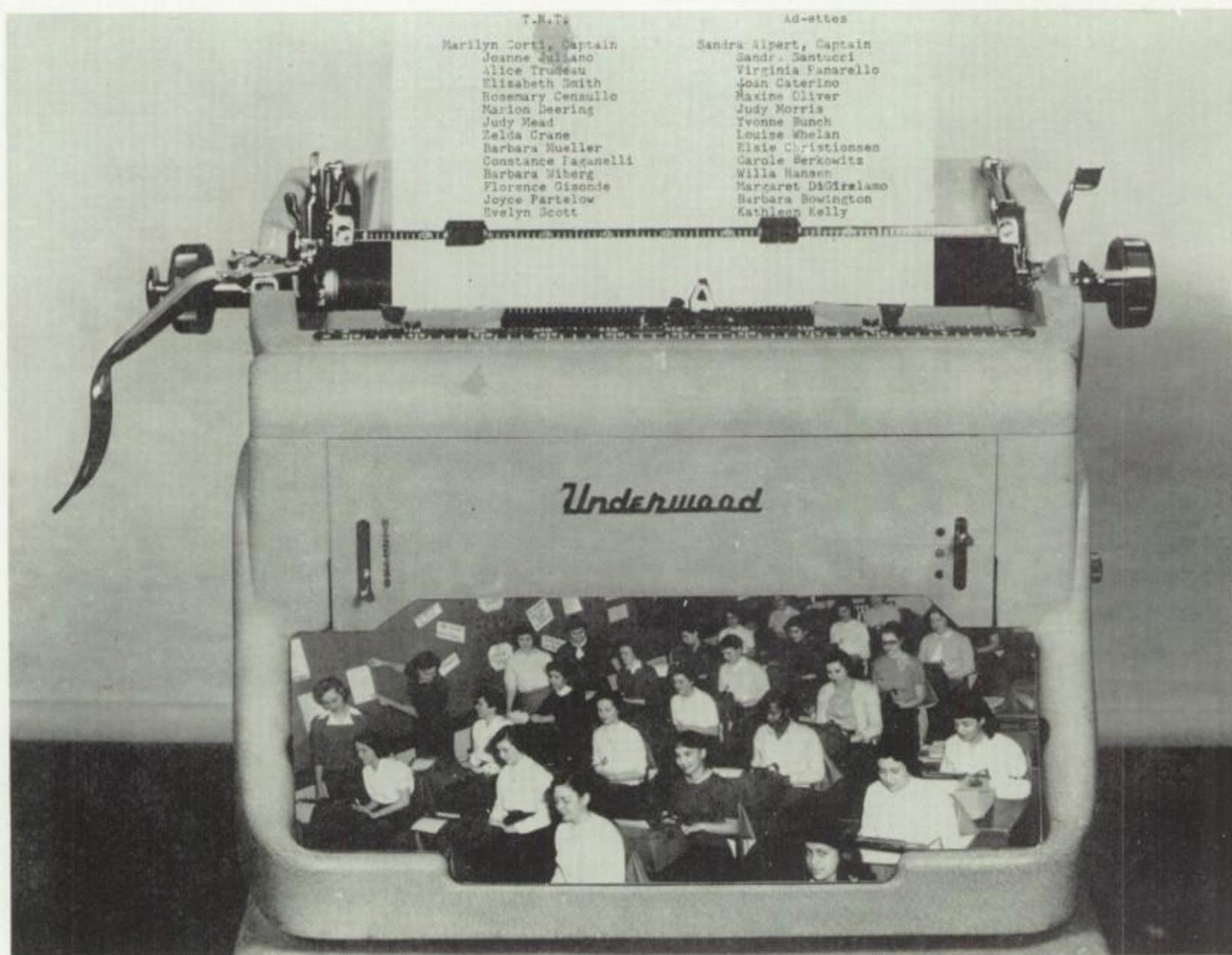
BOWLING: *First row—Lefebvre, Mattson. Second row—M. Lefebvre. Third row—Bell, "Redhead."*





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When the leaves upon the trees began to turn an amber brown and summer slipped away, the Indian of Ossining High arose one cold early dawn for that fatal return to school. Tall and slim-waisted, fresh-featured and clean-cut, he was typical of his roll of the OHS Indian. Clad in a maroon and white jacket, he rushed forth to the battered hot rod and zoomed to his hunting grounds.

As he mounted the steps to the school, his thoughts moved as swiftly as the deer through the forest. He thought of the long hot summer, the many sunsets that had passed since he had seen many of his old classmates. What would this year bring forth? His day was spent happily gathered around his homeroom once more with his friends, talking and laughing vociferously of scenes that had gone by that summer, of what the gang of warriors would do tonight, and who that new doll was in the Freshman class. Yes, the 1956-57 school year had begun, and with it the Mondays and their blues, and homework, and fun!

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other young braves, the Ossining Indians cradled a new hope in his bosom. Because he was an Indian, he made up a song to the gods, telling them of mud-spattered uniforms, smutty faces, cheering crowds, hoarse cheerleaders, and the indescribable feeling of playing a good game. He made a secret prayer to the Great Spirit to let him make the team. And the smiling face of the Great Spirit looked down from the sky and guided him in the football tryouts—he made the team.

Autumn also heralded in many other school activities, such as the Maroon and White and its "beat," with Sue Reischmann madly shouting, "Get it right," the French Club with its meetings entirely conducted in "le francais," and the school newspaper, "Smoke Signals." The Tribal Council was also appointed to govern the land and advise the strong and brave chief of the Ossining Indians (though our head councilman Kenny had trouble with pronouncing the name of his group).

Fall, the month of amethyst and saffron bronze, also marked the beginning of the war dances and festivals of the Ossining Indians. We find the Ossining Indian and other members of his tribe celebrating a feast for "the most valuable player," Tom Doty, and another young brave, Mike Doorley, who won the autographed football.

The tryouts for the Senior Play, "Caught in the Villain's

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Web" were the next fall event. Once more the Ossining Indian offered a silent prayer to the Great Spirit, who was regarded as omnipotent in his power over the breath of life by the Ossining Indians, and once more his prayers were answered. He was understudy to heap big thespian, Joe Costa, in another OHS hit produced by Miss Jones. Hot on the heels of this great event the Wizard Indians war-danced avidly for two weeks to sell their 800 sagas of OHS Indian lore.

And as the legend goes, when the Great Spirit took his autumn sleep and filled his great pipe and smoked, and the smoke filled the air with the haze of Indian Summer, the Ossining Indian fell in love. He joined the other Indian braves and their maids—Willa and Eddie, Rosemary and Artie, Angelo and Sandra, in the hand-holding sessions in the hall. But like the many moons, this love faded away; yet, it left nostalgic memories. It left the memory of sharing a locker, swinging its door open, banging it shut (almost), filling it with books, sneakers, lunches, gym suits, and many memos of OHS Indian scalpings; it left the memory of chem lab, weekly quizzes, deans' slips, and the 3:00 bell!

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Long will the Ossining Indian and his companions recall the autumn of 1956. The days when the chilly winds and piercing cold could be felt in all the classrooms, and when students shivered in their seats will haunt their minds; they will recall the one day that even heap big Indians had to retire to their home campfires. They will remember when the heat god answered their plea and warmth was restored to the realm of Ossining. They will recollect the rainy season and how the rain drops splashed on their outstretched hands. They will remember the Spanish Club initiation ceremony, where a young maiden, Barbara Wachtel by name, lost her crinoline slip. The day the cheerleaders appeared on the Will Rogers' TV show will be retained in their minds for many moons to come. They will recall the metallic rat-tat-tat of the riveter's hammer on the new school next door and the student voice of that public address!

Winter came and with it cold weather and the anxiety of college applications. The few leaves dangling from dull brown branches reluctantly fell to the earth as the cold winds blew. The days passed quickly and the Christmas spirit was evi-

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January found the winds moaning through the branches of the trees and bushes looking for something they might chill to the heart. Even the evil spirits were cold and tried to use the snow and ice for a blanket. The Ossining Indian walked alone in silence to school. As he passed beneath the trees, chilling showers fell from their icy branches . . . Yes, winter was truly here, and with lots of work, but also fun—the snowball fights of the Frosh, those cozy card games up at Mike Hammond's, and those freezing ice skating parties at Nelson Park.

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Girls' bowling and basketball was also getting underway. February also found the Freshman Class making preparations for their annual Valentine's dance which this year is entitled "Cupid's Capers." Then there were spring play tryouts . . . and rehearsals marked by Donald Donato and his broken chair . . . Donald Dykes and his "hilarity" with English mannerisms . . . Bruce Hutchins and his sideburns—but the show finally got on the road! Next, March rolled around and at last balmy breezes, the robins, the budding trees, spring was here once more—the Indian thought he might live once again!

With Spring came such sports as baseball, tennis, track, and golf to arouse the interests of all the athletes or would-be athletes of the Ossining tribe. Our Indian panted heavily as he paced the laps around the track. The Cheerleader's Festival took place at the County Center and, as usual, our Indian maids heaped further glory on OHS!

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The year of 1956-57 was over. The memories of its games, parties, dances will never be forgotten by our Indian . . . And that, students of OHS, is the legend of the Ossining Indian of 1956-57—may it be written in the annals of time and cherished by all!

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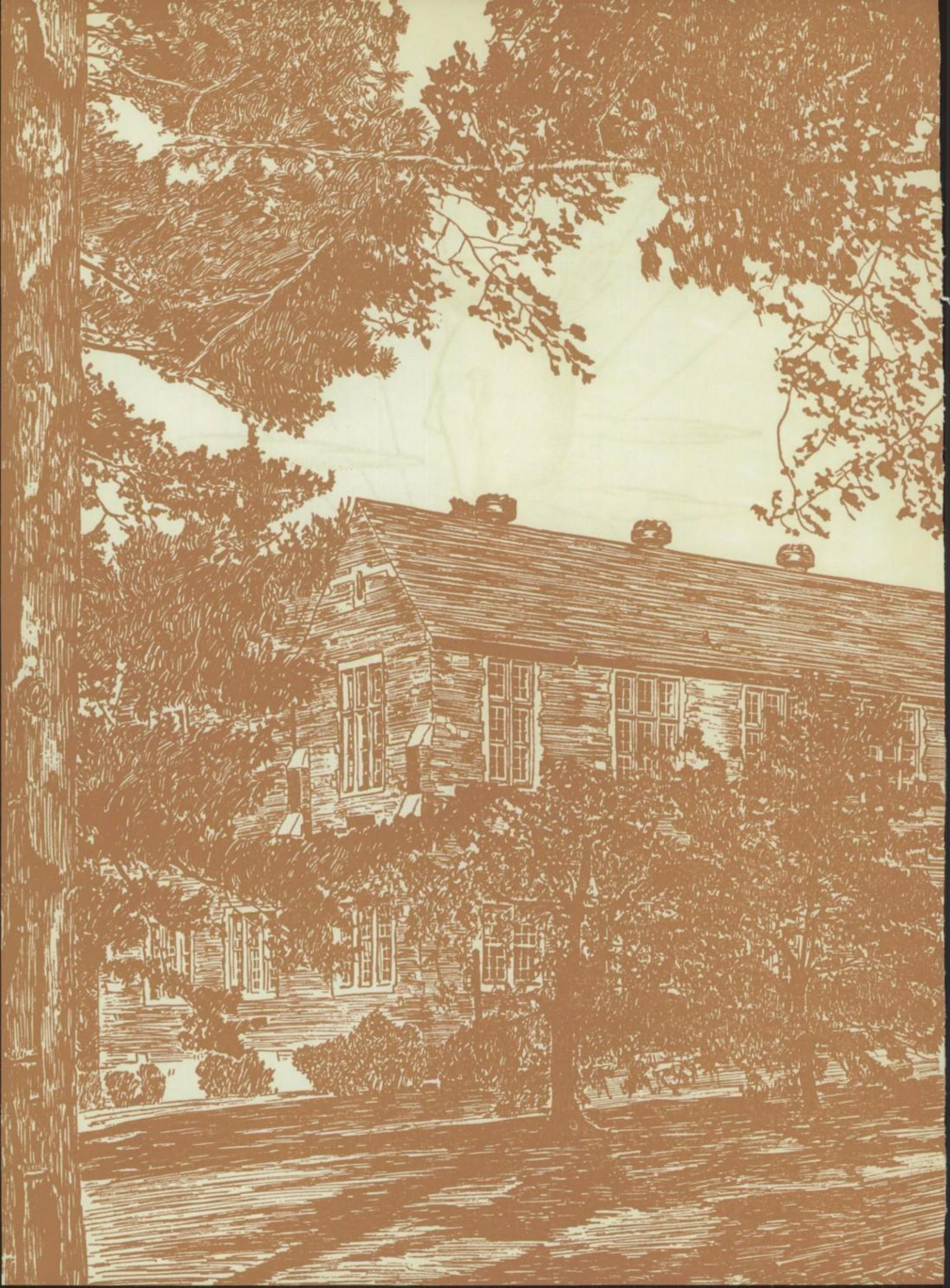
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